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### PROSPERITY

EACH new year begins with worldwide hope for continued peace and prosperity not only in the international sphere but in national and domestic affairs as well. Assured of another full year under the able and wise guidance of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, before his retirement, the hopes of Hongkong for these two essentials of well-being were high last New Year's Day. Now, as the year 1957 draws to a close the people here can look back with pride on a year of great achievement in many fields. True, there have been setbacks for the individual and many problems have confronted business and the Colony in general, but they have been resolved in the vast majority of cases without undue impediment to progress. Never in its history, now dating back 110 years, has expansion covering so many aspects of life been so vast in any one year. Building, for instance, has transformed some areas so rapidly in the past twelve months that they are hardly recognizable after a few months' absence from the Colony. Millions of dollars have been invested in real estates, a sure pointer to confidence in the future. Industrially, too, large sums have been invested in development since January this year, giving work to thousands and enabling the Colony to make its impact on world markets with a wider range of well-made local products. The prosperity which has graced the past year is also evident in the state of the Colony's coffers. To the General Reserve Balance several millions of dollars have been added despite heavy commitments for re-settlement projects, social welfare, education, and improvement of public amenities generally. With such a year of achievement behind her, therefore, Hongkong can look forward to the coming year with renewed confidence that, given peace, prosperity will continue to shed her mantle here.

# INDONESIA: THE COMMUNIST PLAN

## Similar To Red Seizure Of East Europe

By WILLIAM GALBRAITH

Washington, Dec. 29.

The US Information Agency is sounding a worldwide warning of a Communist blueprint to take over Indonesia, it was disclosed today.

## SHIP STILL STUCK ON SANDBANK

Singapore, Dec. 29.

The Royal Navy salvage vessel *Boronia* is trying to free the American *Isbrandtsen* Line freighter, *Flying Endeavour*, which has gone aground on the Nipah Shoal, eleven miles off Singapore.

The *Flying Endeavour* struck the sandbank yesterday morning. There were no injuries, and the ship has suffered no serious damage.

### WILL CONTINUE

The *Boronia* will continue its efforts to get the freighter off tomorrow.

The *Flying Endeavour* is carrying cargo for Singapore from Hongkong.—Reuters.

## Narrow Escape

Genoa, Dec. 29. Three trains thundered over the prostrate body of 68-year-old Rosa Montobbio after she had fallen between the tracks of the main Genoa-La Spezia line near here today.

She was later taken to hospital suffering from shock, but otherwise unhurt.—China Mail Special.

The Agency draws a parallel between the current anti-Dutch actions in Indonesia and the Communist seizure of power in Eastern European nations during the 1940-48 period.

The USA warning is carried in a three-part survey being distributed to its 200 posts throughout the world. It is based on a booklet entitled "A Short History of the Communist Party of Indonesia," written by Dipa Nusantara Aidit, Indonesia's top Communist.

### Little Known

It was published in India in 1955 but is little known.

The information agency said it is a document "produced expressly for Communist eyes."

The individual USA posts will make the information available for use by foreign newspapers, magazines, opinion leaders and others who would be interested.

The agency says that Communist blueprint calls for participation in a "united front" political coalition to lead insurgency to the Communist Party of Indonesia (PKI), then taking over the coalition parties, and later seizing them, starting the "new Communist dominated Soviet-Indonesian and Sino-Indonesian friendship societies, and similar steps.

### Destruction

The three-part survey warns that the PKI goal is "working for the ultimate destruction of the present social and political system."

The Agency says the Communists employed a "familiar technique" when Red-dominated unions recently occupied Dutch factories, shipping firms and other private holdings.

"These activities bear some resemblance to the operations carried out in Eastern Europe during the Communist power seizure of 1946-48," the survey says.

### One Phase

"One phase of this Moscow-directed programme occurred when Communist-led national committees took over industrial plants, banks and other private enterprises while Soviet agents and henchmen consolidated their hold on the border states."

The survey points out that after the property owners in Eastern Europe were deposed "the newly established Communist regimes proceeded with the nationalisation of private enterprise of every description."

"Subsequently, the unions of every satellite country lost their independence and became merely a part of the Communist machinery of state control."—United Press.

## Fuchs Strikes Soft Snow In Pole Drive

Wellington, Dec. 29.

Dr. Vivian Fuchs and his British team covered only 15 miles in 12 hours of heavy going in their drive for the South Pole last night, but Sir Edmund Hillary's party swept 44 miles nearer their goal.

Dr. Fuchs hopes to step up his rate of progress today to 60 miles, while Sir Edmund Hillary, now less than 200 miles from the South Pole, is maintaining a 40-mile daily average.

Dr. Fuchs' party radioed Scott Base that their latest run was made in "heavy going" with "a lot of snow and over-wave-like ridges of hard snow. They are on the march almost 12 hours at a time."

Dr. Fuchs said two of his vehicles were giving trouble and this caused delay in the start last night, but he was hoping to travel 60 miles in the next march.

Meanwhile, Sir Edmund's party, who yesterday reported feeling strain and the need for more sleep, marched 44 miles in "superb" conditions.

The terrain continues to climb gradually and they are now at 10,400 feet, according to Mr. Douglas Mackenzie official correspondent with the New Zealand expedition. There will be a slight descent later on since the immediate polar region lies in a vast shallow basin.—Reuters.

## Satellite: US To Try Again Soon

Washington, Dec. 29.

Dr. John Hagen, Director of the US Vanguard Satellite Project, said today that another attempt would be made by the US in "not too long a time" to launch an earth satellite.

But he would not discuss a possible date.

Dr. Hagen, speaking in a television interview, said he thought that the Vanguard Satellite, though much smaller than the Russian Sputniks, might prove more valuable because of better and more compact instrumentation.—Reuters.

## We're Going To The Moon: Moscow

Moscow, Dec. 29. A Soviet scientist said here today that new Sputniks would soon appear, followed closely by the first rockets to blaze the trail to the moon and other planets.

The scientist, Professor Anatoli Elongorov, of the Soviet Academy of Science, made the statement in an article in *Sovetskaya Aviatziya*, the Soviet News Agency Tass reported.—Reuters.

## EMERGENCY SESSION CALLED BY DOM MINTOFF

Valletta, Dec. 29. Malta's Parliament will be recalled from its Christmas recess for an emergency session tomorrow to hear a motion which poses a threat to the strategic NATO naval base here.

Premier Dom Mintoff's motion, to be discussed tomorrow, warns that Malta's obligations in respect of the naval base have no force if Britain's guarantees for employment of Maltese are not honoured.

Observers said the motion could be taken to be a threat of Maltese "non-co-operation" in the continued operation of the dockyard if Britain does not agree to integration of Malta into the political set-up of the United Kingdom. Such a move could bring the giant base to a standstill since more than 75 per cent of its workers are Maltese.

## CHIANG FACES OPEN SPLIT IN PARTY Veterans Stage Revolt

By ROBERT BROWN

Taipei, Dec. 29.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is facing the first open split within his ruling Kuomintang Party since the Nationalist Chinese Government moved to Formosa in 1949.

The impeachment of Premier O. K. Yui a few days ago by the first public indication that Chiang is having disciplinary problems within his own ranks. Some quarters view the impeachment as an indirect slap at the 70-year-old Chinese President himself—for it is Chiang who put Yui in office and has kept him there.

### Will Remain

It is almost certain that Yui, 59, will ride out the storm and remain in office.

Chiang made it a point to express his disapproval of the impeachment in a public speech a few days after the action.

The 89-member Control Yuan is the nation's highest watchdog body, empowered to investigate everything and everybody.

What makes the impeachment a subject of duty—significant is that all but a handful of the Yuan's members are veteran members of the Kuomintang Party.

### Differences

Top Party officials virtually pleaded with the Kuomintang members of the Control Yuan to call off the impeachment. But the Control Yuan members, even rejected invitations to two separate dinners which the Kuomintang leaders had planned in the traditional Chinese pattern of mending such differences.

In light of the efforts made to block the impeachment, their decision amounted to a virtual revolt against the Kuomintang, of which Chiang is leader.

Some observers consider it important that the members who revolted are not the younger faction of the Party, but veterans with whom the Kuomintang has never had disciplinary problems before.

There also is a good deal of talk in Taipei about the noticeable cool reception which greeted Chiang's speech a few days later in which he deplored the impeachment.

### Face-Saving

Nevertheless, all circles agree that while the impeachment may be publicly popular it does not necessarily represent any serious threat to the political stability of Chiang's Party.

Some quarters believe that the impeachment amounts to no more than a face-saving move by the Control Yuan, before which Yui has repeatedly refused to appear for questioning.—United Press.

## Faure In Accident

Caynris, Dec. 29.

M. Maurice Faure, French Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and his wife today escaped uninjured in a car collision in the Lot Department, southwest France.

M. and Mme. Faure returned to Paris by the night train. The occupants of the second car, a postal official and his wife, suffered from shock and bruises.—Reuters.

## Ben-Gurion May Resign From Government

Tel Aviv, Dec. 29.

Mr David Ben-Gurion is to announce at a cabinet meeting tomorrow whether he intends to tender the resignation of his five-party coalition or carry on.

Mr Ben-Gurion accused the left-wing Ahdut Haavoda Party ministers with "betrayal of the country's security" by leaking information of the Bonn mission to the press.

But while this was the immediate cause, it served to emphasise the dormant "mutual grievances and highlight the differences between the coalition partners—especially with regard to foreign policy."

### STATE SECURITY

Addressing parliament last week, Mr Ben-Gurion said openly that it was his intention to buy arms from West Germany. He maintained that the approach to Bonn had been dictated by higher interests of state security which cannot be publicly revealed.

He said in his opinion Israel should co-operate closely with Bonn and he waved aside emotional appeals not to forget the massacre of millions of Jews by Nazi Germany.

"We are not concerned with the world of yesterday but with the world of today, of tomorrow," he declared.

Although the public debate has led to many disclosures, there is still only speculation about the nature of the weapons Mr Ben-Gurion is seeking from West Germany.

### DISCLOSURES

Why he made even these disclosures when matters of secret negotiations had been in the balance is not known.

The disclosures must have resulted in great damage to the proposed mission, actually undertaken last week by the Premier's personal envoy, Mr Shimon Peres, who returned here today.

Whether Mr Peres succeeded is likely to remain secret, but by the time he returned, Israel's political crisis had shifted beyond the original causes.

Eight days of talks between Mr Ben-Gurion and leaders of the parties represented in the government—the Ahdut Haavoda, the United Labour Party Mapam, the National Religious Front and the Progressive Party—has brought to the surface differences that have been dormant for many months.—Reuters.

## OVERTIME BAN MAY BE CALLED OFF

London, Dec. 29. Trade Union leaders representing 40,000 hospital clerks were expected here today to call off an overtime ban in Britain's 7,000 hospitals within the next few days.

The ban which affects the administrative side of hospital work only was imposed six weeks ago in protest against the Health Minister's veto of an agreed three per cent pay increase.

### NEW CLAIM

Trade Union leaders meet here tomorrow to consider a proposal to abandon the overtime embargo and submit a new pay claim instead.

If a new claim was rejected, it could then be submitted to arbitration.

Arbitration is not possible in the present deadlock because of legal difficulties arising from the fact that the Health Service workers have no dispute with the hospital managements who agreed to the pay increase.—Reuters.

## Inauguration Of Garcia

Manila, Dec. 30. President Carlos P. Garcia was inaugurated as fourth President of the Philippine Republic today and pledged to preserve "our historic relations of friendship" with the United States.

President Garcia, 61, and the young nation's first opposition party Vice-President, Diosdado Macapagal, 47, both firm friends of the United States, took oaths of office at impressive inaugural ceremonies at noon. Dignitaries from many nations, most of them roosting in formal dress with the temperature a scorching 96 degrees, honoured the top Philippine executives.—United Press.

## BRITISH AND US NAVIES RUSHING AID TO CEYLON

Gettysburg, Dec. 29.

The United States revealed today details of plans for American aid being rushed to Ceylon where floods have reportedly killed more than 300 persons and left some 300,000 homeless.

President Eisenhower also sent a message to Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, Governor-General of Ceylon, expressing the sympathy of the American people for the Government and people of Ceylon.

### SEVENTH FLEET

White House Press Secretary, James C. Hagerty, announced that the Navy was sending air and sea units from Japan and the Seventh Fleet off Formosa to Ceylon with food, medicine and helicopters to assist in rescue evacuation work.

Hagerty said the aircraft carrier *Princeton*, accompanied by destroyers *Henderson* and *Southerland*, had been detached from the Seventh Fleet for the Ceylon mission.

They were scheduled to stop at Singapore, he said, to pick up food and medicine. The *Princeton*, carrying 20 helicopters to be used in rescue work, was due to arrive in Ceylon about January 2.

### SHIP DIVERTED

In London the Admiralty said tonight British and US ships would leave Singapore during the next two days to take relief provisions to flood victims in Ceylon.

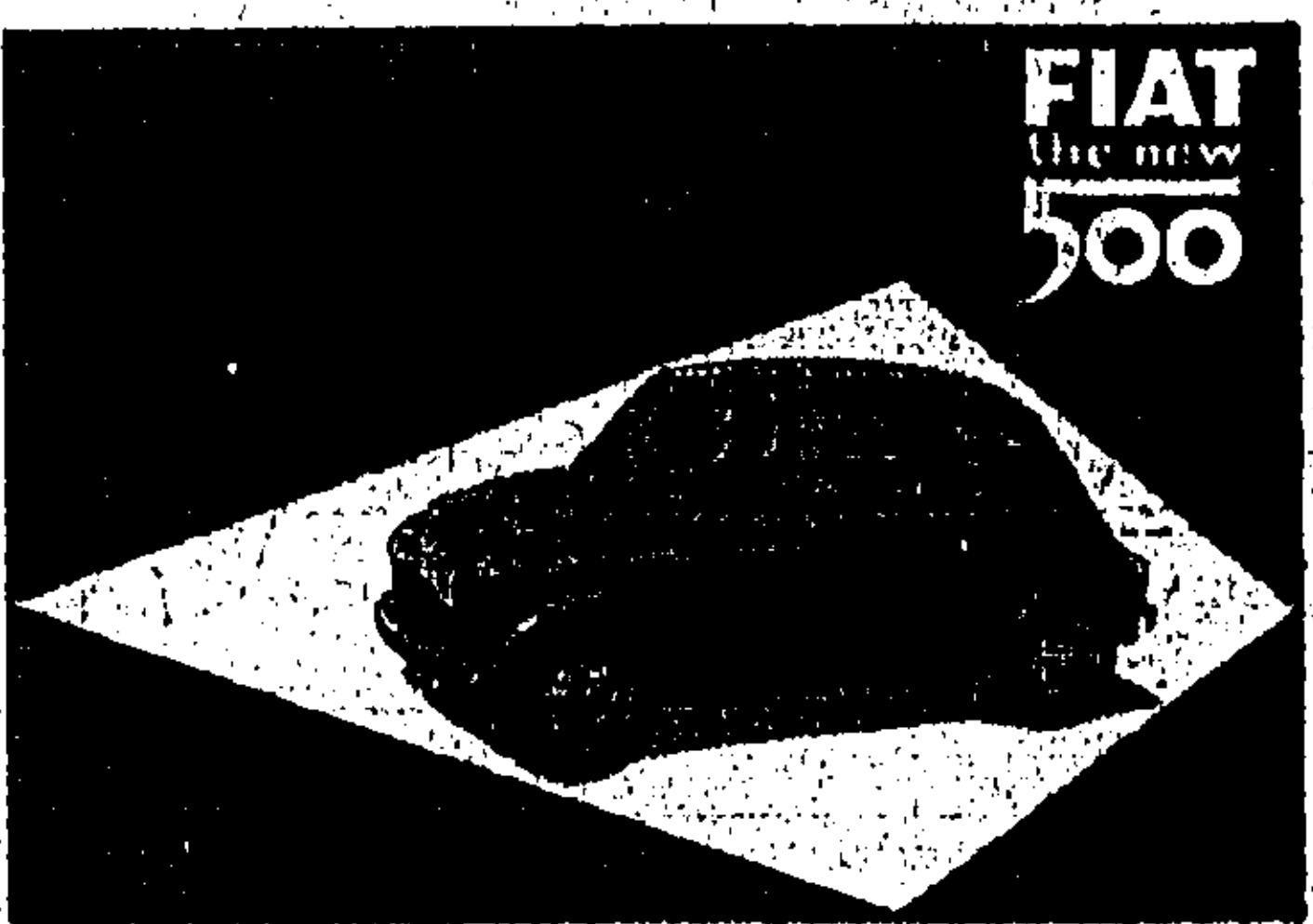
The spokesman said HMS *Cockade*, returning to Britain at the end of her commission, was diverted to Ceylon to assist in food distribution.

Part of the fleet will leave Singapore on Tuesday morning, while relief provisions. Other ships are standing by to help if necessary, he said.—United Press.

## Four Drowned

Oslo, Dec. 29. Four people, including a 12-year-old girl, drowned tonight as two cars in which they were travelling crashed through the ice on Randsfjorden Lake, near Gjeve, about 60 miles north-west of Oslo.—China Mail Special.

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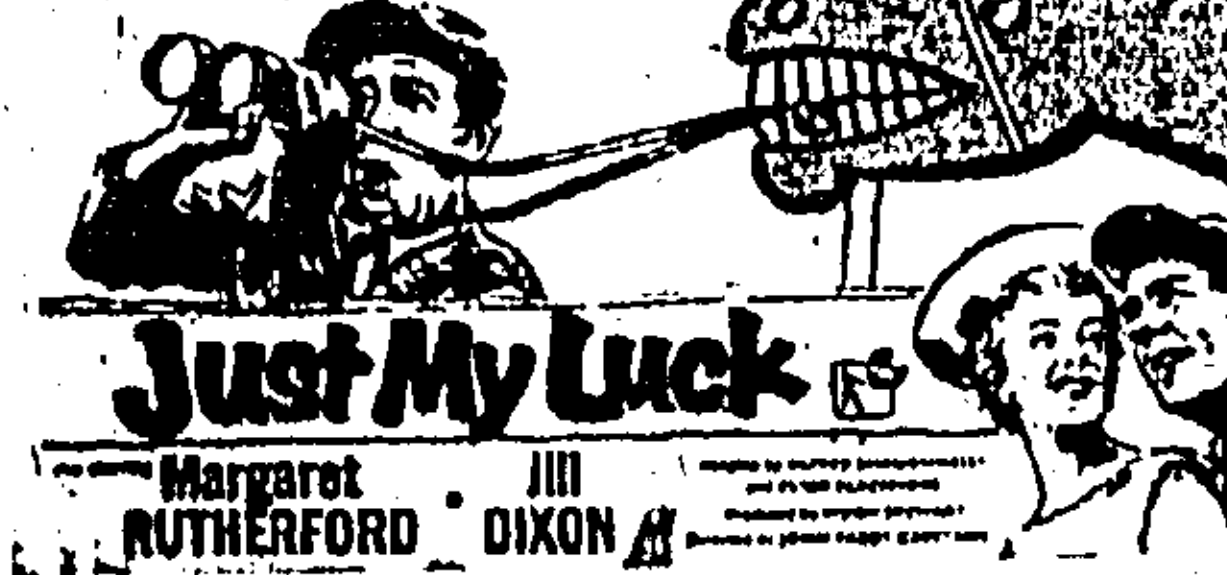


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# SIR HUGH'S REPORT ON CYPRUS THIS WEEK

Nicosia, Dec. 29.

Sir Hugh Foot, the Governor of Cyprus, today put the finishing touches to recommendations he will submit to the British Cabinet in London this week, on the future handling of Cyprus problem.

Circles close to Government House said today that not even his closest advisers know the details.

He will leave with two widely divergent requests from the Greek and Turkish elements on the island, making a swift solution to the Cyprus problem unlikely.

The Greek-Cypriots have firmly demanded that Sir Hugh bring back from London at least one concession—the return of Archbishop Makarios to the island. The Turkish-Cypriots have demanded partition for the island.

## Report

Sir Hugh will have both these requests in mind when he presents his report and recommendations to British Premier, Harold Macmillan.

Turkish-Cypriot officials leave for Ankara tomorrow about the same time as Sir Hugh flies to Beirut on his way to London. Dr. Kutub, Turkish community leader, and Burhan Ghaliun, Turkish Consul-General, have both been recalled urgently to Ankara for talks with the Foreign Ministry on the Cyprus situation.

In Cyprus, there is no illusion about the difficulty of the problem and it is stressed that unless Britain changes her policy towards Cyprus, single-handed activity and recommendation by Sir Hugh how-

ever forceful can achieve little.

It is also thought that sooner or later Archbishop Makarios will have to be brought into the picture for negotiations and it is thought possible that Sir Hugh might ask for permission from Britain to visit Athens and Ankara to contact personally the protagonists in the Cyprus triangle—Makarios in Athens and Premier Adnan Menderes in Ankara.

If Sir Hugh returns from London with little to show, his main task will be to maintain the EOKA terrorist organisation's truce. It is feared that if Makarios is not permitted to return to Cyprus, politics once again, the EOKA might decide to resume activities.—France-Press.

## Rode The Rods

Bebra, W. Germany, Dec. 29.

A man who climbed from underneath an express train here today claimed to have "rode the rods" for 3½ hours from Erfurt to escape from East Germany.

Border officials refused to disclose his name. The man told them he had served in the East German Police and was imprisoned for six months as a Western agent.—China Mail Special.

## The Last Train Has Run On This Line

Easingwold, Dec. 29.  
The last train has run the length of the three-mile-long Easingwold Railway—one of Britain's few remaining privately-owned rail lines.

Mrs Margaret Coates, chairman of the line, decided yesterday that "the end has come" and signed an order abolishing the railway because of mounting debts.

The line connected this Yorkshire village with the main line at Airedale. A passenger on the last trip was 85-year-old Sydney Smith, who was engineer on the line's first run on July 27, 1891.—United Press.

## Millionaire Brothers' Duel Of Gifts

Paris, Dec. 29.

The tanker tycoon, Aristotle Socrates Onassis, will buy the fashion house of Jean Dessès as a New Year present for his wife Tina, it was reported today.

Thus Onassis hopes to be one-up again on his brother-in-law and fellow millionaire shipowner, Stavros Niarchos, said the Sunday "Journal du Dimanche."

Niarchos is now in the lead, having paid 200 million francs (US\$400,000) to buy his wife the jewel-like Chanellees House behind the French Chamber of Deputies, the paper said.

Neither Onassis nor Dessès could be reached for comment.

However, according to the report, Onassis, 49, and Niarchos, 47, have been racing to outdo each other in gifts to their wives since they married, respectively Athens (Tina), and Eugénie (Genie), the daughters of shipping magnate Stavros Livanos.—United Press.

## MOSCOW CALLS FOR TALKS BETWEEN UK & RUSSIA

London, Dec. 29.  
The need for a meeting between the British and Soviet Ministers is greater now than ever, Moscow Radio said tonight (Sunday) in a broadcast to Britain.

A commentator recalled the letter sent by Marshal Nikolai Bulganin to Mr. Harold Macmillan, the British Premier, this month suggesting that the two leaders should meet to discuss many controversial matters.

"The USSR is decidedly for talks. Its sole condition is that such talks should not be made dependent on any condition," he said.

## DOOM

"To put forward conditions, such as making the disarmament problem dependent on a solution of the German problem, means to doom the talks to failure in advance."

The broadcaster continued: "In proposing talks with the West, the Soviet leaders are convinced that personal meetings would provide the opportunity for exchanging views and finding a mutually acceptable approach to disputed problems."

"It is heartening to read in the European press that the leaders of the Western countries, including Britain and the U.S.A., plan to reply favourably to the Soviet proposals. If these reports prove true, we can hope to see an improvement in the international situation in the new year." —China Mail Special.

## Elephants Halt Progress

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 29.

Elephants in Pahang and Trengganu States, Eastern Malaysia, are discouraging farmers and rubber planters from opening up new land.

The monthly report of the Department of Labour and Industrial Relations says some states have put up electric wires and concealed detonators to drive the animals away.—Reuter.

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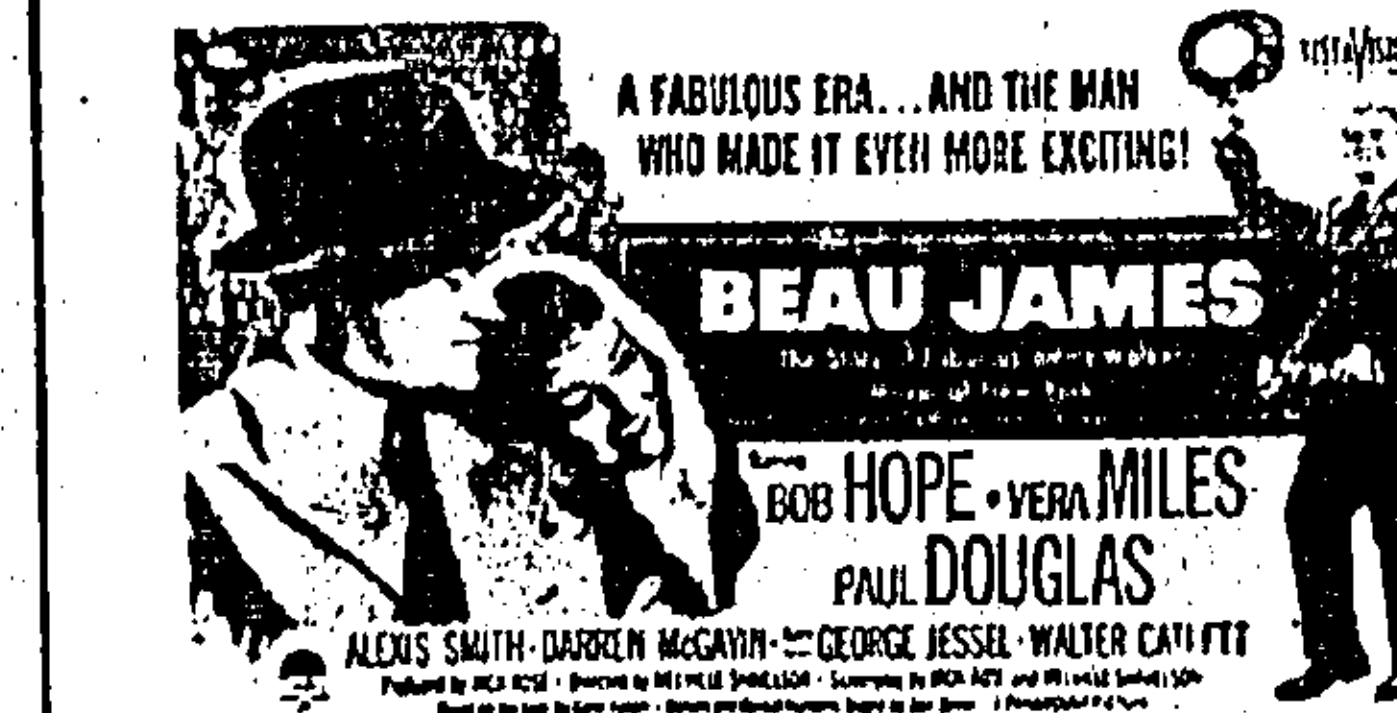
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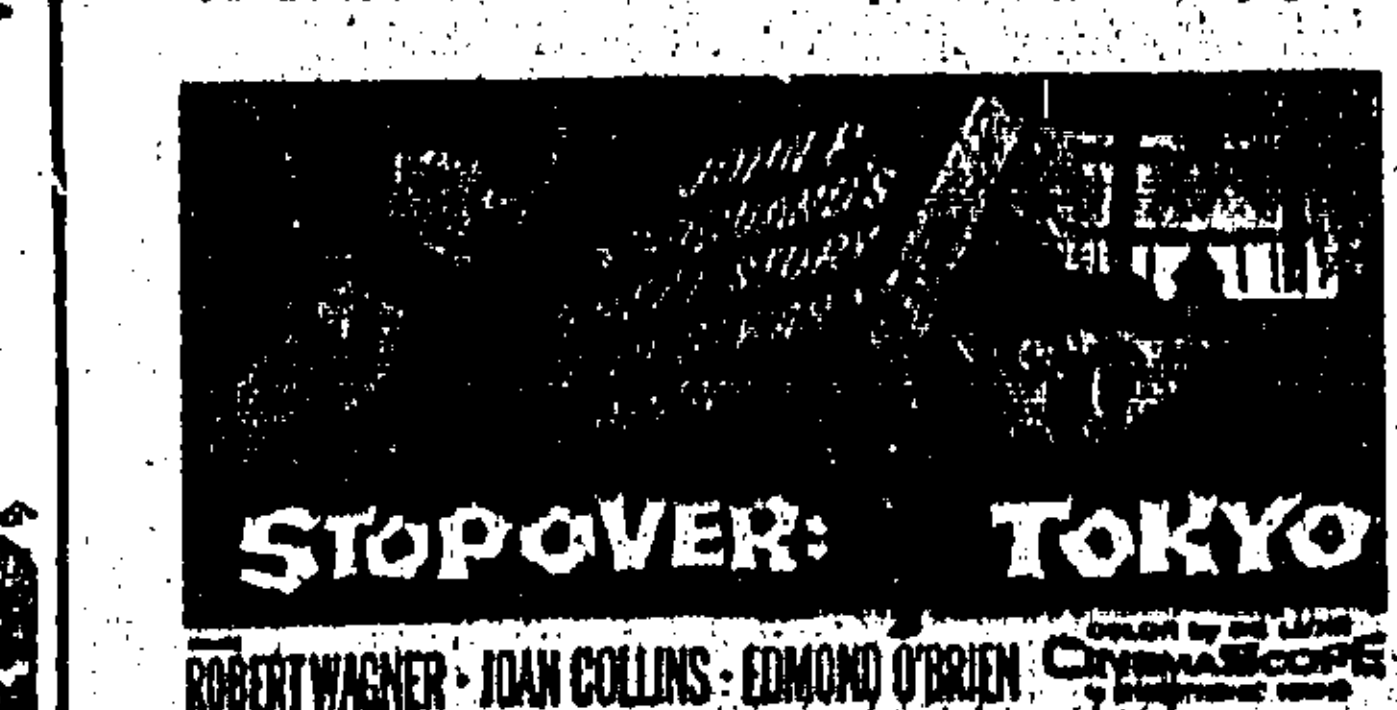
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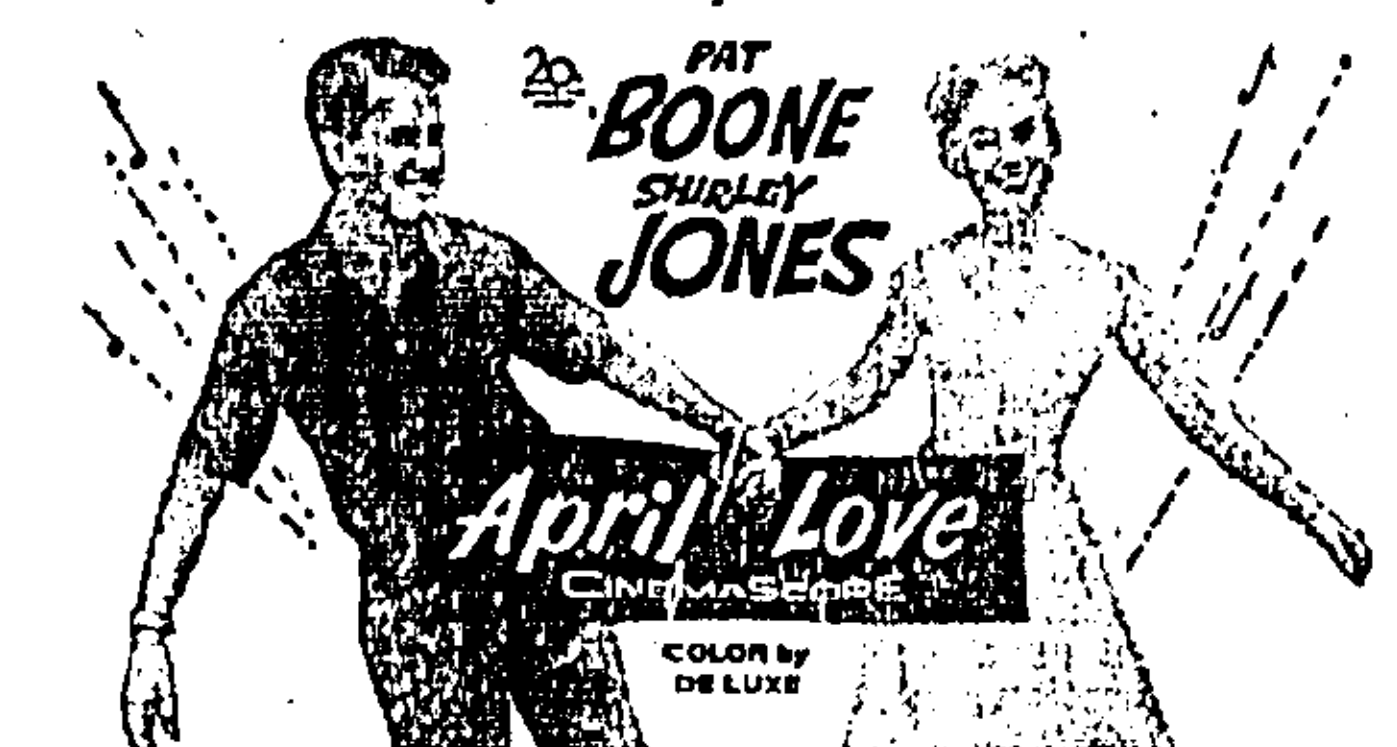


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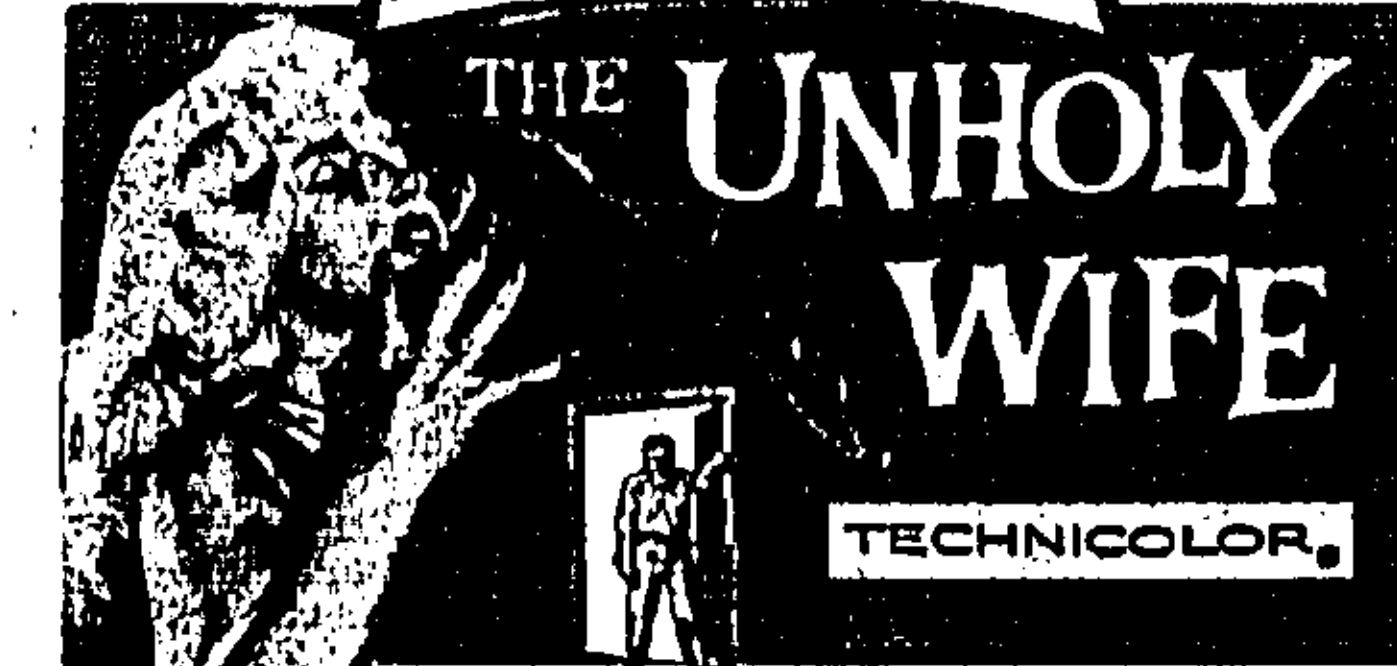
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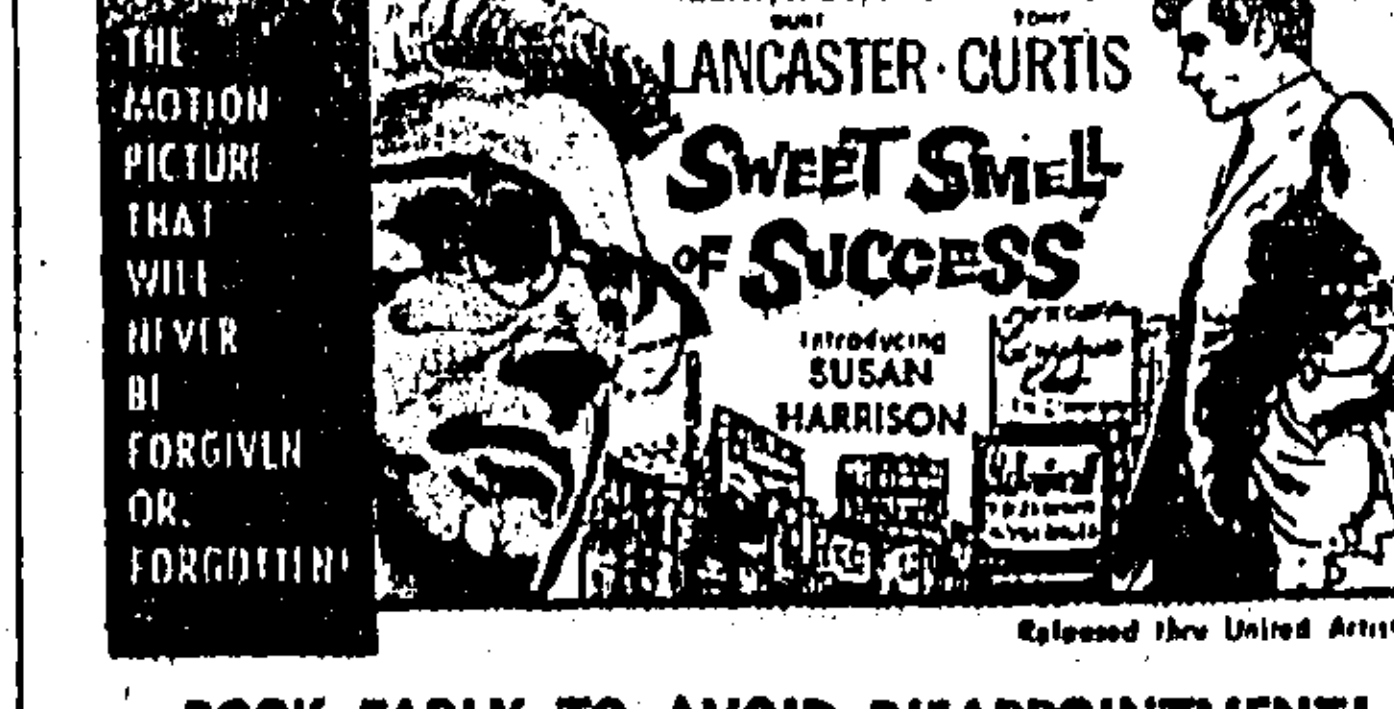
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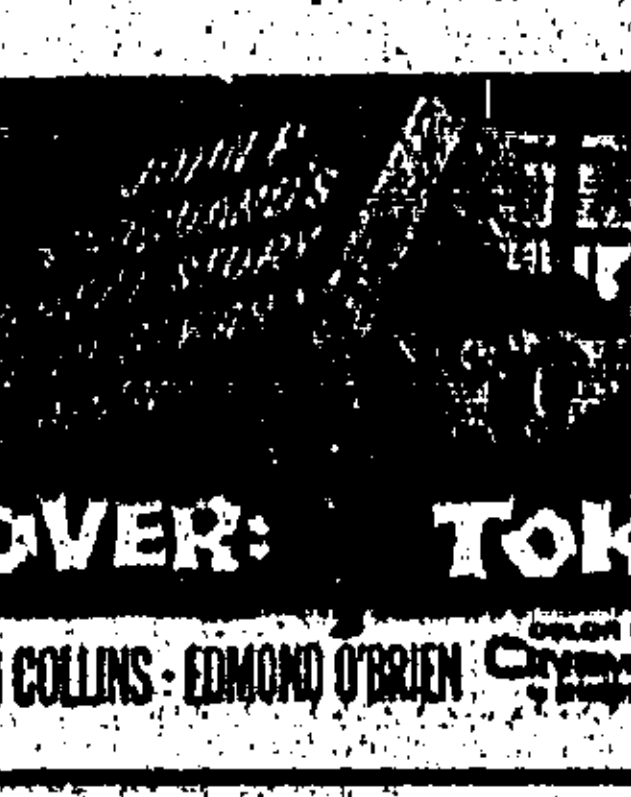


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# 'Responsibility For Training Doesn't Rest With Govt' The Future Scientists Of America

## Eisenhower's Plan To Encourage US Students

**Gottysburg, Dec. 29.**  
President Eisenhower said today that the main responsibility for improving U.S. scientific education rests with non-federal institutions.

In a letter to president Kevin McCann of Defiance (Ohio) College, the President said that educators seeking to stimulate interest in science and engineering should turn to the government "only for that which they themselves cannot accomplish at all or so well."

The temporary White House here plans to make public tomorrow the Administration's own plan for providing scholarships and other federal incentives to encourage promising high school students to continue their studies in science and mathematics.

According to advance information, the programme will call for Federal outlays of from \$200 million to \$300 million a year for a variety of aids. There have been indications that it will face heavy going in Congress from law-makers opposed to all U.S. aids to education.

Before the plan is made public, the President intends to confer with Marion B. Folsom, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, whose Department was primarily responsible for drafting details of the programme.

### The Cost

The President will confer on Tuesday with Budget Director Percival Brundage, who must fit the cost of the programme into the Administration's overall spending budget.

The Administration programme was prompted by Soviet satellite-missile successes and by reports that the Russians were ahead of the United States in the production of scientists and engineers.

Unless this gap is narrowed, some educators have predicted, the United States will become a second-class scientific power.

Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerty denied yesterday that the United States "at this time" is militarily weak compared with Soviet Russia. He disputed published reports that American weakness was the main warning of the so-called secret Galtier report.

Hagerty said the report, which was made to the President and to the top level National Security Council, "says just the opposite."

In an effort to stimulate interest in teaching mathematics and science, McCann, a former White House aide of the President, organised a regional meeting of educators at Defiance College.

In his letter of greeting to the conference, the President stressed the belief that the major burden for producing more science and mathematics teachers rests primarily on non-governmental programmes.

But he warned the educators against putting too much emphasis on the sciences at the expense of the rest of the field of education.

"In the circumstances of the time," he said, "we naturally tend to emphasise the need for expansion and improvement in our science and mathematics programmes."

"But in no way," he added, "do we ignore the constant need and permanent values of general education, the enrichment of our working lives and that enables us to be better citizens of the republic and the world."

The President, who is spending a few days of work and rest at his Gottysburg farm, was up early this morning to work on his State of the Union and other messages he will deliver to Congress after it reconvenes for its second session next week.—United Press.

## Teenagers' 'Mousenik' Rocket Bid Fails

**Austin, Minnesota, Dec. 29.**

Teen-age high school science students failed today in their attempt to send a mouse to an altitude of more than 2,000 feet by rocket and bring the creature back by parachute.

A test rocket blew up. A second rocket, with the mouse in it, failed to go off due to a fault in the ignition system.

The students, members of the Austin Rocket Society, took the mouse, named Ulysses, back to the high school and said they would try again another time.

No one was hurt in the explosion of the first rocket.—Reuter.

## Negotiations With Russia: Ike's Govt Criticised

**New York, Dec. 29.**

Veteran Socialist Norman Thomas criticised the Eisenhower Administration tonight for what he called its negative attitude toward negotiating with the Russians.

The Socialist Party leader said negotiations with the Soviet Union would be "very difficult." But he urged that the United States consider negotiating on the three cold war issues of disarmament, the Middle East and Germany.

Mr. Thomas made the proposal in a report on his recent trip to the Middle East on the CBS television programme "Face the Nation."

He called President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles "two tired old men." He said there "is a complete lack of common sense" in the way the Administration has failed to see how the major cold war problems are inter-

connected "and have to be negotiated."

### WORLD WAR

The Middle East is still the area of the world "most likely to breed a third World War," Mr. Thomas asserted. Specially he urged that the United States come up with an offer to "talk about the whole problem of relative disengagement of the big powers in the Middle East, and about a programme of demilitarisation, rather than rival militarisation there."

"I think we made an enormous mistake in not proposing sincerely what Bulgaria and company may have proposed insincerely," Mr. Thomas said. He apparently referred to recent Russian overtures to the Arab-Asian nations meeting in Cairo.

He said the Eisenhower Middle East doctrine was presented in "a military-sounding way" and in the current psychological climate of Pan-Arabism in the Middle East "does harm rather than good."—United Press.

## Cold Wave Sweeps US: Heaviest Snowfall In Decade

**Chicago, Dec. 29.**

One of the heaviest snows in a decade today marooned hundreds of cars, completely burying some of them, on Michigan's Keewenaw peninsula. A sub-zero cold wave froze other parts of the Midwest.

## Opposed To Any Pacts And Armaments

**Cairo, Dec. 29.**  
The Sudanese Foreign Minister, Mohamed Ahmed Mahgoub, said here today that the racial discrimination committee of the Afro-Asian Solidarity Conference—over which he presides—was not concerned if Soviet Russia carried out nuclear tests.

"But" he added, "we declare we are firmly opposed to any armaments and all pacts, whether East or West, Baghdad or Warsaw."

The Minister was speaking at a press conference.

He had been asked to comment on today's reported Soviet nuclear test, and the visit to Ankara by Mr. John Foster Dulles, the U.S. Secretary of State, for a Baghdad Pact meeting.

He said: "We are not concerned if Dulles visit Turkey or Russia conducts nuclear tests." Mr. Mahgoub, asked whether the committee discussed the recent racial incidents at Little Rock, Arkansas, over school integration said: "Yes, we discussed this and viewed it with great concern."—Reuter.

The snow hugged the Lake Superior shore and hit hardest at upper Michigan cities where heavy snowfalls are commonplace. The Civil Aeronautics Administration station in Houghton, Michigan, called it about the heaviest snowfall in a decade.

The Houghton weather station reported 18.1 inches of snow in the peninsula since Saturday morning. There were 14 inches of snow at Sault Ste. Marie and 10 inches at Grand Marais, Michigan.

No snow storm casualties were reported but officials reported hundreds of cars stranded on secondary highways. Some of them were completely covered by snow.

### BITTER

Elsewhere, bitter cold spread across the northern Midwest and serious fires broke out in the icy temperatures.

One blaze erupted in the State home and training school for the mentally retarded at Coldwater, Michigan. The flames swept the structure's entire east wing. All occupants were evacuated in time.

At North Lake, Wisconsin, damage was estimated at \$175,000 in a fire which engulfed the Madison Rendering Co. plant.

The cold was so intense that noon temperatures stayed below zero through North Dakota and Minnesota. Weather forecasters said worse cold was still to come—a predicted 25 degrees below zero in northern Minnesota by Monday morning and sub-zero temperatures in parts of Iowa and Nebraska.—United Press.

## FISHERMAN'S GRUESOME CATCH: AN INFANT'S BODY

**Hereford, Dec. 29.**

A fisherman angling in the river Wye here this afternoon found the body of six-week-old Christopher Vincent, who vanished yesterday with his pram from outside a Hereford shop.

The angler hooked the body as it floated by underwater and held on to it shouting to police searching the river bank nearby.

An officer waded in to recover it.

The body was picked up about a mile and a quarter from where the boy's empty pram was found, by the river last night a short while after it had been taken from outside the shop the mother was visiting in a busy Hereford street.

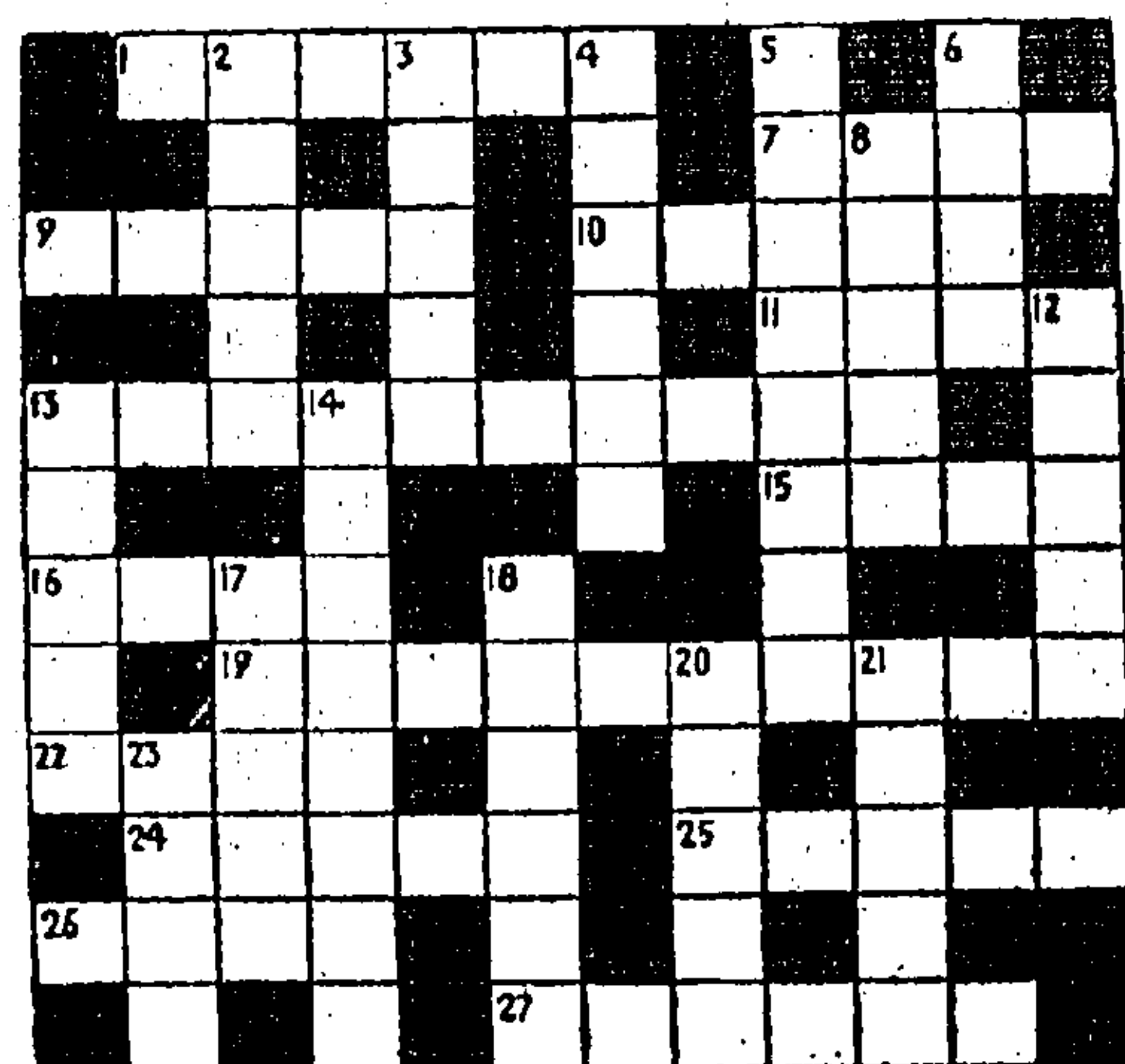
### POLICE HUNT

About 100 police and troops joined in the general hunt for the baby last night. At daybreak today they were joined by three frogmen and by a big party of civilian volunteers led by the city major, Mr. Roy Blackder.

The soldiers came from a nearby camp, where the baby's father is a lieutenant in the Royal Artillery.

A woman who went to the Hereford police station last night to help in inquiries was still there today.—China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- Name for a girl (9).
- May describe order or story (4).
- The answer could be a lemon (5).
- Peasage, perhaps (5).
- Helpful things (4).
- Thoroughbred horses (10).
- Nautical base (4).
- Study (4).
- Be a wet blanket (10).
- Try to slim (4).
- Give as one's opinion (5).
- Religious man (5).
- Gambling stake (4).
- Formal agreement (9).

### DOWN

- He begins a greeting (5).
- May describe old faces (5).
- Very shrewd (9).
- He's an aggressor (8).
- Ran away (4).
- Peas are proverbially (5).
- It's for you to do this (5).
- Unwieldy (5).
- Peculiar people (8).
- Expert in a small department (5).
- Possibly grave stress (6).
- Mainly American custom (5).
- Course to a certain extent (5).
- Scottish lake (4).

**SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 5 Bouncing, 7 Diana, 9 Continue, 10 Editor, 13 Seminar, 15 Erin, 17 Tappan, 18 Janitor, 20 Used, 21 Riposte, 26 Tumbler, 27 Tideways, 28 Tango, 29 Dressily, Down: 1 Idica, 2 Maxim, 3 Bacon, 4 Note, 5 Ignore, 6 Greens, 8 Orator, 11 Dogma, 12 Timid, 14 Rarity, 15 Epome, 16 Irate, 18 Jutted, 19 Needle, 22 Pasty, 23 Spine, 24 Error, 25 Owl.

## Abominable Snowman

'VERY MUCH LIKE BIG MONKEY WITHOUT TAIL'

**Katmandu, Dec. 29.**  
A Sherpa tribesman today described the "Abominable Snowman" which he claims broke into his mill and ate his flour.

The Sherpa—Phurpa by name—arrived here on Friday to ask government help in preventing the Yeti or "Abominable Snowman" from getting into his mill.

He said the Yeti was "very much like a big monkey without a tail." It was about nine feet high, and its body was covered by long grey hair, except the face into which the eyes were deeply sunk, he said. It walked both like a human, and like a monkey, but when it ran, it went very fast, like a man.

"Its naked body was covered with hair about a foot long, which stood up above the waist, and hung down below it," he added.

Phurpa said yesterday that he found the Yeti in his mill eating his flour "with both hands, like a monkey."

"As it ate, a soft thrill sound came out of its mouth. When running it made a high shrill whistle," he said. There was no report as to whether the government proposed to investigate this, or to do anything at all. Phurpa, who comes from the village of Mulkhola, north of here, said Yeti frequently raid flour mills in his district.—United Press.



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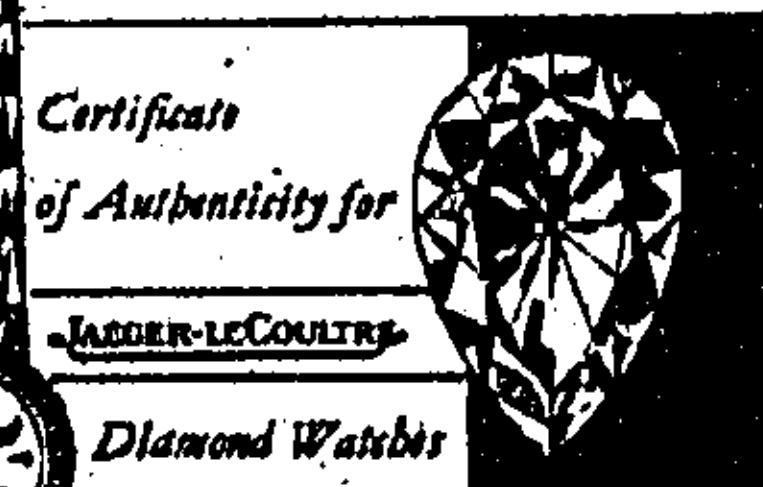
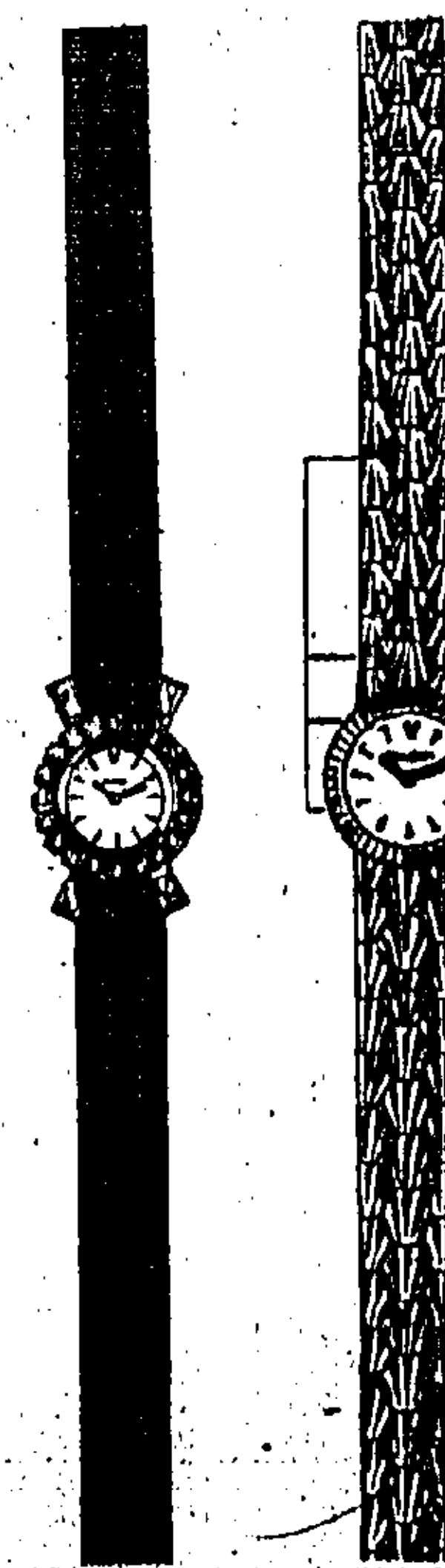


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## Room At The Top For Mr. Small

WHAT are those pencil marks, those notches made by pen knives on the doors of England? Secret signs? Red Injun talk? No. Merely the traces left by proud parents measuring the height of their growing sons and daughters.

The national consciousness about stature is as intense as it is about weight. Indeed, if you've never stood back to back with a brother, cousin, or friend, consider yourself a phenomenon.

### It varies

Ten-year-old Tommy Cook was no phenomenon. He was on the short side, that is all. But Mrs Cook was worried.

"I'd rather he became a Guardsman than a jockey," she said. "Everything seems to be going up nowadays except Tommy."

A child's rate of growth varies from year to year. In fact, young Tommy was due for a rise. Boys, like girls, suddenly shoot upwards when they reach 11-plus.

All in a doctor's day: by CEDRIC CARNE

Children nowadays are taller than their parents or their grandparents were at an equivalent age. Strangely, though, the average adult height of Englishmen has hardly increased at all over the last century.

"This is because boys frequently cease to grow by the time they are 19, whereas their grandparents still had to take a different size in clothes up to the age of 25," I explained.

Also, modern girls generally stop growing at 17, whereas these luscious beauties in bustles we see in faded photographs, continued skyward until they were old women of 21.

"Tall parents can still expect their children to grow tall, though," Mrs Cook asked. "Every child is born with a potential height. And this

potential is directly related to hereditary factors as Mrs Cook suggested. Just as we inherit blue or brown eyes we also inherit "a growing centre." This centre is located just below the brain and is called the pituitary gland. It manufactures among other things, a growth hormone.

Experimentally this hormone has been injected into young rats and, as a result, they have grown startlingly.

Of course nutrition, too, has its part to play. That's why the children of 1957 are a bigger lot than their Victorian counterparts.

"When Tommy was a tot," said Mrs Cook, "he wasn't a bit small for his age."

"No need to worry then," I said.

### Compensations

A girl just over two years has already reached half her adult height. In the same way a boy just under three will also double his stature by the time he reaches maturity.

In any case, shortness of stature has its compensations. Those below average height often become mentally mature before their Elftel-lowering companions. This helps to give them such a start in the world that many a six-footer never overtakes them.

"This may explain why many leaders of men are on the short side," I said.

There's always room at the top for short people. Remember Nelson and Napoleon. Think of film stars like Alan Ladd and James Cagney. Footballers like Alex James and Tommy Finlay. Think: would Winston Churchill or Gandhi have been the men they were if they didn't have the dynamism that goes with shorter people? Yet parents want their children tall. Sons to be six-footers, girls to be the height of models.

But as a doctor I don't understand this craze.

IN the past year I have orated at 22 public meetings, spoken in 14 debates, opened seven bazaars and a baby show. And I delivered my wife one lecture on the need to cut down the household bills. All this vocal exercise went with a swing and ended with a vote of thanks to the speaker—except the lecture to my wife. For that I apologised the next day.

In all I reckon myself a fair hand at public speaking, yet, modest always, I am still ready to learn.

So I have just read, with great care and attention, a book by Mr Dale Carnegie of the United States which set out to tell me *How to Influence People by Public Speaking*.

But Mr Carnegie, who has become famous and rich through teaching people how to influence people, has let me down. For he does not tell me what I need to know. Speeches I can make by the dozen. People even try to influence me not to make speeches.

### STRIKE BACK

WHAT I want to learn is how to keep out of trouble before, during and after making speeches.

The first thing a public speaker needs to be taught is how to deal with the chairman of a meeting who starts by saying: "You haven't come to listen to me so I will be brief," and then talks solid for an hour and five minutes.

To strike back at this sort of chairman I can only recommend the examples of the distinguished politician who sat and fidgeted while the chairman droned on, and on, and on. Finally, when it was five minutes to closing time, the chairman said: "I will now call upon our distinguished speaker to give his address."

And the distinguished speaker stood up and said: "My address is 64, Albionmews, London, E.2." Then

# The day a BULL broke up my meeting

by WILFRED FIENBURGH M.P.

he dashed out and just made it to the pub before the front door was locked.

### JUST PRETEND

ANOTHER important factor in the education of the public speaker is to learn what to do when he gets his engagements mixed, and rises to address the East Cheam Women's Sewing League armed with a set of notes prepared for the annual dinner (male only) of the West Surrey British Legion.

Somewhat a speech written for old soldiers seldom (I have never understood why) arouses much rapture delivered before a female audience. So nothing is to be gained by sticking to the script. All you can do is to pretend that your old wounds are troubling you, turn sickly green, and hope that you will not be seriously injured by their attempts to revive you.

None of the books on public speaking with which I schooled myself for political life prepared me for what actually does happen.

Hints are needed, for example on how to lecture on the economic consequences of fluctuations of Bank rate standing on the roof of a car in Pembroke-shire while the audience is being mildly distracted by a bull which has escaped from the slaughter-house. This is the sort of thing that happens. It happened to me.

### HIGH LEVEL

WITHIN seconds I was alone in the square with the bull. And the man who yelled out, "Keep talking, mister, and you'll have him asleep in no time," was not, I felt, really interested in politics.

And I am still looking for the book which will teach me how to deal with hecklers. I can cope with the man who simply shouts out, "Big 'ead," in mid-sentence. I just whip out a smart quip,

like "Shut up monster 'bonce," and we are both satisfied that honours are even on a high level of wit and repartee.

But how does one deal with the quiet heckler who is so very, very clever? There was once an M.P. who spent all day and night in Parliament working out awkward questions to put to Ministers at Question Time. He was proud of his prowess, so much so that when the General Election came round he announced, half-way through a speech:—

"And what is more, since you sent me to Parliament I have asked 3,229 questions!"

"What an ignorant little—M.P. you must be," somebody murmured, and if anyone can give instruction on how to answer that he ought to write a book and I will sell it on commission to every other M.P.

### DOUBLE TURN

I AM still waiting to be told what a speaker ought to do when he turns over two pages of his notes. At the same time, I have heard people say things like:—

"We will never be able to look ourselves in the face and call ourselves honest men until we achieve" (turn over page) "a great increase in the amount of cattle cake imported annually."

Somewhat this sort of statement does not ring true, one feels at the time. But my technique is to carry on as though I meant every last syllable. Half the audience will not have noticed. The other half will blame themselves for not having understood. And what with the size of meetings nowadays all four of them will accept it.

Finally you can be sure that someone will come along after the meeting and say: "I was very impressed by that bit in the middle." "Which bit?" you ask. "The bit about cattle cake," he will reply. "Most significant that, especially with the price of coal what it is."



Don't ask him to explain. It won't help.

On one point I am prepared to write a book myself. I will give lessons on how to deal with the questioner who reads a quotation from a speech you made last week which says the exact opposite to the speech you are making this week.

This happens to every politician, politics being what they are these days. When he has finished you say quietly:

"Now read the next bit."

### TRIUMPHANT

If he has not got the next bit, you point an accusing finger at him. "See," you cry, "the next bit is the really important bit. How dare he twist my words?"

But if the worst happens and he reads the next bit, you say: "Read on."

He reads on. Then you say: "You haven't come to it yet. Keep reading."

And after 10 minutes of this he is hoarse, the audience is bewildered, and you are triumphant.

It is easy. But it is safer by far not to let anybody ask any questions. This I learned one Sunday after I had spoken for an hour at a lunch-time meeting in the open air, outside a pub called the King's Arms.

### ALAS! DEFEAT

I ENDED on a note of high moral fervour with a fine piece about the fellowship of man and international peace and good will.

Then I asked for questions. "Sir," said a nice little man with a bowler hat and spats, "Does the speaker know this? That if he doesn't nip smartish with it, the King's Arms he'll go home thirsty because his supporters have nearly drunk it dry?"

You see how it is. There is really only one piece of advice to give to public speakers. Don't bother. That's all. Don't bother, because, in the end, you cannot win.

## The poacher's wife had them fooled

by Thurlow Craig

I WAITED on the edge of a deep quarry in the hills, looking down over the feathery tops of larches, self-seeded and grown tall in the years since the working had been abandoned.

My companion was in the bottom, struggling through a rich tangle of bramble and making plenty of noise.

"Mark right!" he suddenly yelled and I thrilled as a gaudy cock pheasant rocketed loudly up through the trees. As it levelled off and gained speed my gun banged and down it went.

I walked round to the other side and presently up came another. BANG! Down it went. As two were all we wanted I met my companion on the road where my motor cycle was parked.

We left for home, unseen by anyone who mattered. One bird was sneaked into the larder where it would not be noticed among all the other game; Vernon, my companion, hid his until he should go home that night.

For we had been poaching on my uncle's land, but let there be no doubt: those nefarious expeditions took place long ago. Today neither he nor I would indulge in such shenanigans—although we sometimes talk about them nostalgically over a pint.

That poaching—sometimes with our own keeper after us,

although he never caught us—was more fun than legitimate shooting.

But there are poachers, mechanised, subsidised and highly organised, who make a profitable business of the slaughter of deer and other game, together with the dynamiting of salmon pools for wholesaling to unscrupulous dealers. They should be prosecuted without pity.

On the other hand there are poachers that I am happy to call friend. They poach in a sporting way with rod or gun, hardly ever for monetary gain, but often to help feed a large and struggling family.

There is a very old gun in our family that belonged not long ago to a well-known

poacher. The barrel is short so that it could easily be hidden, and as he was never caught with it, it was never confiscated by the law.

The old reprobate used to appear before the benches two or three times a year on poaching charges.

But it didn't matter where he was arrested, the gun was never anywhere around. How was it worked? Well, later in the day, sometimes while the inquisition was actually sitting on the malfeactor and his ill-gained booty, his wife would doddle forth in her old black dress to gather a few sticks for kindling.

If anyone noticed her peering and feeling down rabbit-holes or into the thickest brush, well... she had a reputation that would have got her burned at the stake 300 years ago.

She was, they thought, probably searching for some ingredient of a deadly brew to put a spell on the presiding magistrate's best cow, or for herbs to make a love-potion for some moon-eyed milkmaid. But presently she would find what she was after. She would take the gun from its hiding-place, break it down, and put it in the bottom of her sack of sticks. Then she would doddle off home again.

But rheumatism put a stop to all that, and the little gun was given to me. Its poaching days are over. It is strictly legal now.

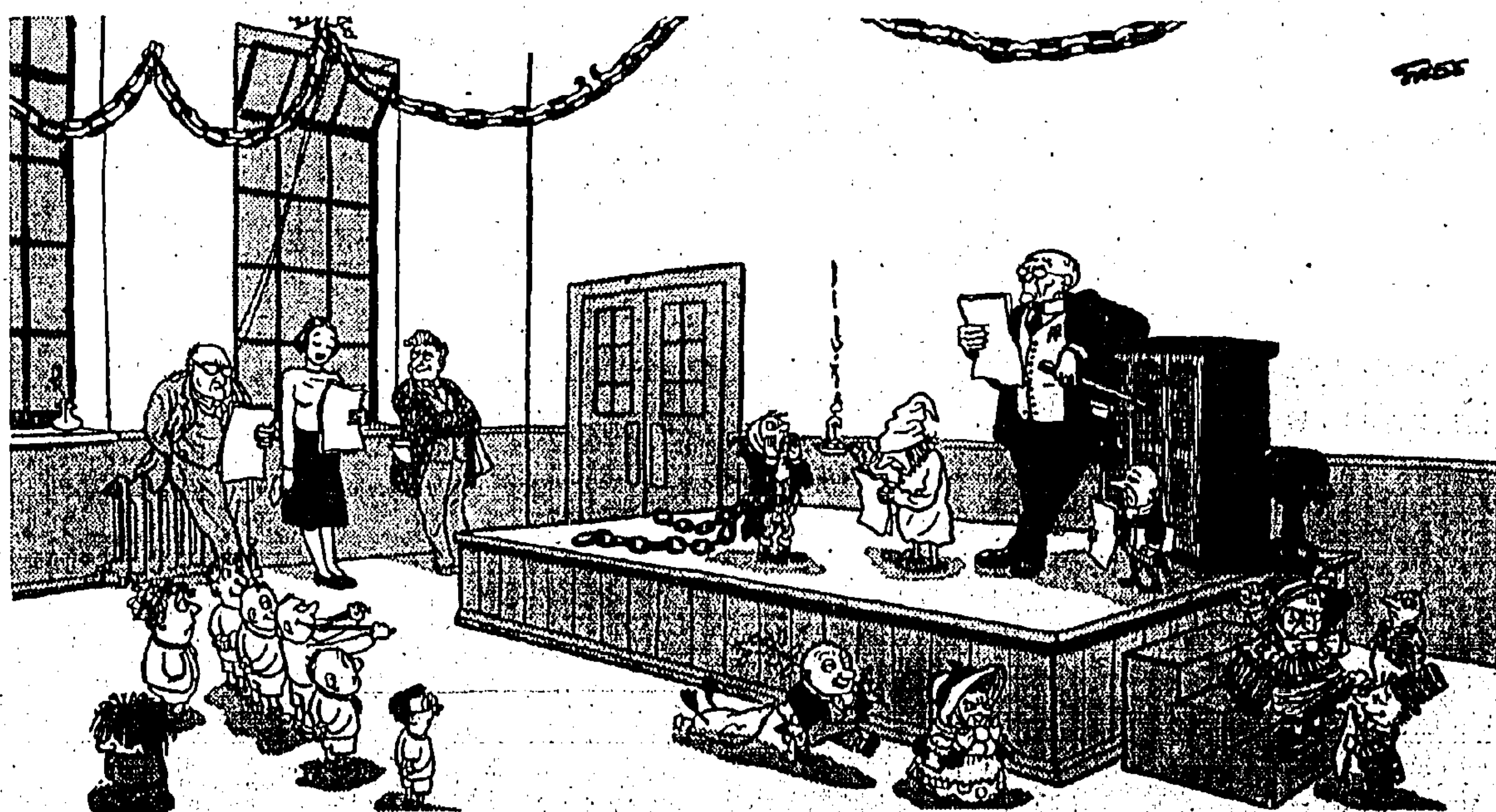
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## YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

BORN today, you have natural talents for teaching. You have a fine critical sense, and are able to make constructive suggestions for you are a fine analyst and tutor. You yearn for freedom from conventional, and although you can adapt yourself to the restrictions of society, you often feel under its restraints. The stars have given you a multitude of latent talents and it may be some time before you discover which one you must want to develop. Until that happens, you are apt to be something of a misfit in your environment.

There will come a time, however, when you exert your real preference and, since you have a keen will of your own, you will start to go places and fast. You do have an active need for social pleasures and sometimes, perhaps too often, you will postpone duty for pleasure. This you will soon discover, is a mistake and with experience, you will learn to fulfil your duty first, and then play as hard as you have worked. Just cultivate a little more self-discipline in this regard and you will prosper faster.

You have a feeling for words and probably will write and talk convincingly. You are fond of music and should be able to play some instrument well. You have a good sense of design and are fond of all beautiful things. You want to be surrounded by beautiful things. You women have a very definite clothes sense and know how to dress attractively on a low budget. You make fine mothers and are good homemakers. For the best happiness, wed early in youth and have a large family.

Among those born on this date were: Pablo Casals, cellist; Rudyard Kipling, author; William H. Allen, reformer; John Peter Altgeld, Illinois Governor; Vincent Lopez, orchestra leader; Alfred B. Smith, statesman; and Stephen Leacock, economist and humorist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) — This is an evening for you to go all out for amusement. You can have fun without being too extravagant.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) — A day for optimism and joy. If you think a few New Year's resolutions are in order, it's a good time to make them.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) — A high-speed day when things race along at a tremendous pace. Don't go overboard at every new opportunity.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — A happy, friendly day leading up to an exciting evening. Moderation, however, should be the keynote of your celebration.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21) — Your personal affairs take precedence over everything else. High noon. Make a few resolutions if you feel so inclined.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) — A good day for a New Year's Eve celebration, but don't overdo it, especially if you want to feel right tomorrow.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23) — Perhaps there is a very special celebration, and a big reason for celebrating!

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23) — You can be as dramatic as you want to this evening! Heavily dress up and go out on the town. Have fun!

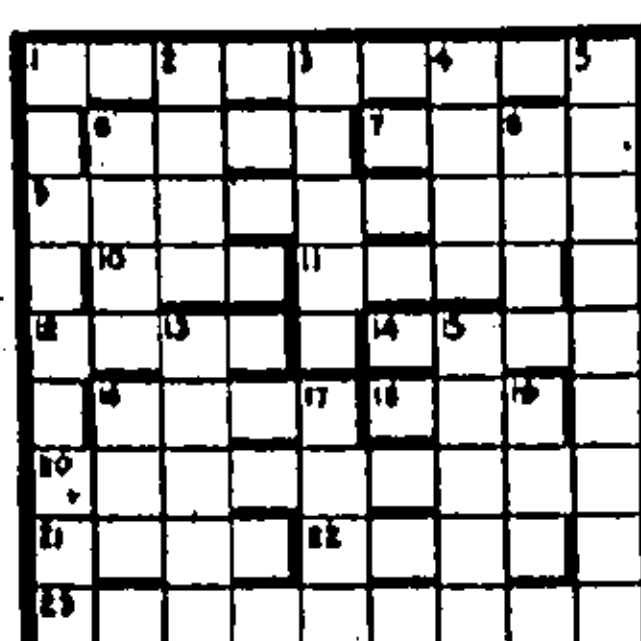
**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — If you celebrate, select your birthday star with moderation. You will enjoy tomorrow's gala events much more!

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — If you are entertaining friends, you can put on a good party without being extravagant.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) — It may be the most fun to spend New Year's Eve with your family and close friends to make concrete plans for the year to come.

**SCORPIO** (Nov. 24-Dec. 23) — Don't indulge in too much celebrating tonight. Face the New Year with a clear head, brightly!

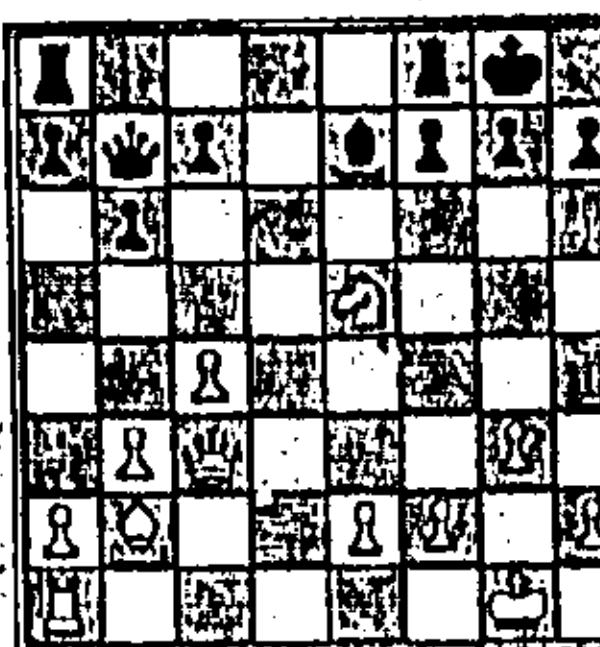
## CROSSWORD



- Across
- When time still 7 (4, 5)
  - Pudding-maker. (4)
  - Heart. (4)
  - Scared in brightness. (3-5)
  - River. (3)
  - Decline features. (4)
  - Mistake. (4) 6. Sailors. (4)
  - Little cow. (4)
  - Miss Wren. (4) 20. Band. (4)
  - Order's cry. (4) 22. The End. (4)
  - 11 Across equals. (8, 9)
- Down
- 22 may be filled with lumber. (4, 5)
  - Spinneys. (5)
  - Sharp, loud noise. (4)
  - Barber. (4)
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## CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

## Defence Too Eager To Set

By OSWALD JACOBY

WEST had a mighty good double of two clubs and East had two diamonds pickled. When South ran to two hearts, East and West had got into the doubling rhythm and West doubled that also.

North passed happily. He knew two hearts couldn't be punished and East passed along.

West opened the queen of diamonds and it held the trick. South let go a low spade. Now West shifted to the six of hearts which South won. A club was trumped and the king of diamonds led from dummy. East played the ace and South discarded his last spade. Now East led a spade.

From this point on the defence was helpless to prevent South making all seven trumps in his hand and dummy by

| NORTH             |       | 12          |
|-------------------|-------|-------------|
| ♠ 932             |       |             |
| ♥ 8753            |       |             |
| ♦ K107632         |       |             |
| ♣ None            |       |             |
| WEST              |       | EAST (D)    |
| ♠ K1000           |       | ♠ A Q J 4   |
| ♥ K J 6           |       | ♥ 2         |
| ♦ Q 5             |       | ♦ A J 9 8 4 |
| ♣ A Q J 8         |       | ♣ 6 4 3     |
| SOUTH             |       |             |
| ♠ 75              |       |             |
| ♥ A Q 10 9 4      |       |             |
| ♦ None            |       |             |
| ♣ K Q 7 5 3       |       |             |
| No one vulnerable |       |             |
| East              | South | West        |
| 1♠                | 2♥    | Double 2♠   |
| Double            | 2♣    | Double Pass |
| Pass              | Pass  | Pass        |
| Opening lead—♦ Q  |       |             |

means of a crossruff and he wrapped up his doubled contract.

If South had trumped the first diamond he would have had to either let East in with a spade to lead through his hearts or given West a chance to overruff him and lead a trump. In either case the hand would have gone down. Similarly, if he had trumped the second diamond lead West could have obtained the lead with a spade and led a second trump.

East and West could have beaten the hand one trick in several different ways.

All this is academic. East and West had a lay-down game in no-trump and should not have sold out for a possible one-trick set. Each blamed the other for the debacle, and I am inclined to agree with both of them. West had a poor double of two hearts and East should have taken it out anyway.

## CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:  
North East South West  
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass  
2♥ ?

You, South, hold:  
♠ 7 K J 6 Q 10 9 8 5 4 3 2  
♥ A—Three hearts is the best bid but there is no criticism of the slight overbid of four hearts.

TODAY'S QUESTION  
Instead of rebidding two hearts your partner has rebid three diamonds. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

BY THE WAY  
by Beauchamber

THE refusal of a Conservative club in the Midlands to allow women into the billiard-room has been criticised as rampant, obscurantism.

If a woman can be a councillor, exposed to the rough language and the smug glances of her male colleagues, surely she can face the ordeal of even a Conservative billiard-room. Her mere presence would have a softening influence on the game, as she shyly handed round the chalk, or clapped her pretty hands to her ears to shut out a savage oath. Chaperoned by an aunt, she could engage freely in conversation with the players, and her simple friendliness, devoid of all coquetry, might convince the most cynical player that women who frequent billiard-rooms are above false dalliance, and are worthy rather of a good man's respect than of a bad man's impudence.

## Yet another

THERE was a curious scene at Markover the other day. A boy in dirty clothes stood up during a history lesson and began to grimace and scream

## In passing

THE boy who told the police that he wanted to be a fireman, and admitted that he had started dozens of fires, had logic on his side. Obviously, if one is going to make a career of starting fires, it is a great advantage to have the skill and the apparatus to put them out. It is the confagrationist who cannot put out fires who is the danger to society.

## WOMANSENSE

THERE IS A DOOM TODAY IN TEENAGE AUTHORS — BUT THEY ALL SEEM TO BE GIRLS....

## Where Are The Schoolboy Novelists?

DON'T put your daughter on the stage, Mrs Worthington—but by all means encourage her to write novels. Business is booming for the under 21's. No Keeper of the Caliph's Harem ever kept a sharper weather eye skinned for promising and personable young women, than your keen contemporary publisher—though one can be sure that the latter's intentions are pure, and merely concerned with financial gain.

## Prototype

Little 22-year-old Miss Sagan, one of the fast cars and catchy titles, was the prototype model. Berthe Grimaldi, the wild girl from the French countryside, was credited with having more or less dictated a very ferocious novel when she was 12—she was illiterate at the time, was later sent to an English girls' finishing school and has apparently written no more novels since then (cynics may draw their own conclusions).

Not to be outdone in the baby-writer race, England has now produced three schoolroom fantasists to keep the flag flying. This being a country of malevolent gnomes and hobgoblins, animals (especially the horse), England's young authoresses leave drink and sex severely where they belong—namely, to the bold bad baby novelists of Paris—and concentrate on more fanciful matters.

## Odd tale

Miss Jane Gaskell was 14 when she wrote *Strange Evil*, an odd moral tale in which humans and supernatural creatures are involved together in some very alarming adventures.

Miss Lindsey Campbell was 15 when she wrote *Horse of Air*, which was published—illustrated by the author—this month. (The book is all about talking animals, and will confirm what many people have long suspected about the British school-girl's deep affinity for her pony—the heroine actually turns into a horse.) And Miss Helen Griffiths was—guess what?—15

when she began to write *Horse in the Clouds*, a just-published book all about horses in the regiment. (If I were only around this magic age, I should perhaps feel tempted to write a book called *Horse With Four Feet Firmly on the Ground*.)

What puzzles me is why the boom in infant writers should be so concentrated on little girls. Where are the bright schoolboys whose exercise-books should be bouncing through the publishers' letter-boxes? Our "younger" novelists—Amis, Wain, Braine—are already no longer within shouting

distance of their teens. Bamber Gascoigne is only 22, but he has chosen to write not a book, but the modish, microscopic review, *Share My Lettuce*. Colin Wilson, self-acknowledged boy-genius of his age, is reported to have written a very jolly novel on the theme of Jack the Ripper, but, for whatever reason, his publishers would seem to be in no hurry to launch it on the world.

## First novel

This month will, in fact, see the publication of two novels by bright and very young men. The *Game* is a first novel by Michael Hastings, who is now 20, an ex-actor's apprentice and actor who has already had several plays performed. And *Aubade* is a first novel written by Kenneth Martin, an Irish boy who wrote the book when he was (hurray, we're off again) 16.

But I want more of the boys to join in. Are there really no Angry Times, steadily pouring vitriol into the *School Mag* and looking for today's best-seller in an age where professionalism is suspect and only the innocent and primitive have the stamp of success, then don't keep harrying your anguishes to get back to her Latin homework.

Why are there no bold successors to Esmond Remilly, who, in the mid-thirties, wrote his autobiography at 16, and at 18 ran away from his public school to edit a radical *Out of Bounds*, magazine, declared itself "against Reaction, Militarism and Fascism in the Public Schools," and carried articles with titles such as "Headmaster's Expulsion Threat" and "The Sex Question

## Riveted

The schoolboy Emyln Williams wrote a passionate and madly colourful epic novel of Ancient Egypt which when I was privileged to read it in manuscript, kept me riveted to the potboiled page. And at the age of 11, Terence Rattigan wrote a drama called *The Parchment*, concerned with the Borgias and designed for an all-star cast to include Jack Hulbert, Noel Coward and Matheson Lang.

If yesterday's school exercise-books are really the best place to look for today's best-seller in an age where professionalism is suspect and only the innocent and primitive have the stamp of success, then don't keep harrying your anguishes to get back to her Latin homework. She's probably doing her best, poor girl, to meet a deadline on a three-part novel about which you may know nothing until she asks you to the cocktail-party to meet me. Press on! —(London Express Service).

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Silk is weaker when wet. Because of this, a short washing period is recommended.

Don't wash your furniture, "dry" it, is the advice from a wax company which claims water can cause the grain to swell and crack, and may bring about veneer failure by softening glue.

The cleaning agents of cream or liquid no-rubbing furniture wax are said to be able to accomplish the same job without harmful effects, leaving a dry, shiny, protective coating.

Borrow song books from the library and build up a repertoire as you work and play together.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

## Most Remarkable Eye

It Enables Telescope To See Many Things—

By MAX TRELL

BARON MUNCH, who lived in his own little house at the end of Book Boulevard, which runs behind the bookcase, it his long clay pipe.

Then he said to Knarf and Hand, the Shadow-Children, with the Turned-About Names: "Did you ever look through a telescope, my dears?"

Knarf and Hand shook their heads.

Wonderful Thing  
"To look," said Baron Munch. "The telescope is a wonderful thing. I once had a very good friend who had a telescope, and the remarkable thing about this telescope was that you could not only look through it, but you could also speak to it."

Knarf and Hand glanced at each other and smiled. No one could tell a better story than Baron Munch, but more often than not, his stories were so extraordinary that it was difficult to believe they were true.

Noticed Look  
Baron Munch noticed the look on the faces of his two friends. "Ah," said Baron Munch, "but this was a very special telescope. Let me tell you about it."

Puffed At Pipe  
Baron Munch took another puff or two at his long clay pipe.

Then he began: "This telescope always stood

in my friend's room right next to a big high window. That's the kind of place telescopes like best of all. They love to look out and see the sky.

"Instead of having two legs, it had three. Its legs were called a tripod. It had one very bright eye. The rest of it was made of brass, very shiny and bright, like gold. And there was one more wonderful thing about this telescope. Sometimes it was very big and sometimes it was quite small. It could make itself any size it pleased."

Stood Near Telescope  
"One day, as I was standing near the telescope, I murmured to myself:

"If only my eyes could see as well as that telescope does with its one eye, how happy I should be!"

"To my astonishment, I suddenly heard a voice answering: 'If you admire my wonderful eye so much, Baron Munch, I should be very pleased indeed to let you look through it.' You mean," cried "that you will let me look through your eye, Telescope?"

Wonderful Things  
"Certainly," replied the Telescope. "You will be able to see such things as you were never able to see before."

"What things will I be able to see, Telescope?" I asked.

"You will be able to see the moon, Baron Munch. You will be able to see the mountains, the valleys and dried-up oceans on the moon. And you will be able to see the stars. They will look like sparkling fire, far far away in the sky. And you will

see the planets with tiny moons circling around them.

How About The Garden?  
"And what," I asked, "will I see if I looked into the garden straight ahead?"

"You will see many wonderful things," said Telescope. "You will see the little Cricket that lives all by itself in a tiny crack in the garden wall. You will see a Caterpillar spinning a cocoon. You will see a tiny Beetle building a house for itself under a leaf."

"So," said Baron Munch, "I looked through the eye of the telescope and this is the most remarkable thing of all. Everything that it said was true! And now do you believe me?"

And though Knarf and Hand had never quite believed many of the other stories Baron Munch had told them, they found that this one about the



Baron Munch stood by the telescope.

wonderful telescope was quite easy to believe. They were sure it was true.

## Rupert and the Thinking Cap-12



On Christmas morning Rupert wakes and sits up. Before he can look at the clock he spies a large round parcel at the foot of the bed. It is tied with bits of string and looks like a very nice and more, then he takes out a lovely ball. He looks at it and says: "This is a very nice ball. I wonder why Santa Claus chose it for me. I already have a football about this size. I haven't used it this season."

And he looks at the ball and says: "This is a very nice ball. I wonder why Santa Claus chose it for me. I already have a football about this size. I haven't used it this season."







# TWO UPSETS AT KING'S PARK

## Italy's Speedboat Champion Killed In Practice Run

Miami, Florida, Dec. 29. Italy's speedboat champion Ezio Selva was killed when his hydroplane overturned at about 100 miles an hour today during the second heat of an International Grand Prix event here.

More than 20,000 spectators saw Selva's hydroplane "Moschellero" leap out of the water, stand on its stern and roll over directly in front of the judges' stand.

Selva, 58, was struck on the head by the cowling. He died before reaching hospital.

Hydroplane Champion of Europe, Selva, a native of Milan, told friends before the start of the event: "This is my last race."

Officials cancelled the race after learning that Selva had died.—Reuter.

## Sports Diary

TODAY

Rugby  
FA Cup, Semi-finals at Wicket at H.K. Stadium, 3.15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Racing  
Interport Soccer, All Hongkong v Wicket at H.K. Stadium, 3.15 p.m.

First Day, Sixth Race Meeting, Happy Valley, Noon.  
Road racing  
Annual International Harrier Road Race, Kowloon, 10 a.m.

## All-India Tennis Championship

Calcutta, Dec. 29. Ulf Schmidt, of Sweden, today reached the final of the All-India Lawn Tennis Men's Singles Championship when he beat Nares Kumar, India's Number 2 player, 3-6, 8-6, 1-6, 7-5, 6-2.—Reuter.

## Italian Players Take Pep Drugs?

Italian footballers are reported to have injections of pep drugs.

It is said that it is common practice for players to carry and use hypodermic syringes on themselves to inject vitamins and boosters on doctors' orders. The story is told of the side that at half-time in a match looked like being well beaten. In the second half they came out and played like madmen. Two of the opposition players were hurt by bad fouls, but nothing worried them. They were more like machines than men.

Later it was discovered what had happened. The team had all been given dope at half-time. They called it a "pep-drug", but it was given by injection. The next day all the team suffered from the reactions to the drug. They were told to drink plenty and pints of milk to try to clear the dope from their systems. — London Express Service.

## Powerful And Favoured PI Dodgers Beaten 6-0 By USS "Gurke" Side

By "TIME OUT"

Once again your softball scribe is forced to eat humble pie as quite contrary to expectations two upsets highlighted the week-end games at King's Park. I doff my cap in sweeping salutes, firstly to the "John Bulls" of the local diamond, the indomitable Austers of Shatin who sweated out a 10-9 victory over the War Eagles in a Junior League fixture and secondly to the gobs of the USS "Gurke" who shut-out the powerful and favoured PI Dodgers 6-0 in a Senior League game yesterday.

Congratulations also go to the Athletics' Olive Yuen who tossed her side to a 23-0 victory over the Overseas girls, facing only 15 batters in her five-inning stretch on the mound and let us not forget the Hongkong University lads who though losing to the Seminoles 14-0 never gave up trying to score a face-saving run to avoid a shut-out.

Fans were let down no end when the Pandas played truants at game time and being short a man had to forfeit their Senior League match to the Warriors. Despite making more fielding errors than the leeches, Dave Cooper's Austers managed to ride out the War Eagles by a military run in a Junior League game. The Eagle had been favoured to repeat their first round victory, but the Austers trumped into a big lead in the first frame, scoring 7 runs on a single hit.

### Broke Deadlock

The Eagles trailed by 2 runs in the 5th inning but Cooper's boys managed to break the 0-all deadlock in the bottom of the seventh to win the game. Left-fielder Ford led off with a rousing triple to right-field and stayed at third. Skipper Cooper popped up for the first out and when Marsden's grounder was fumbled by the Eagles' second baseman, Ford scampered across the plate for the Austers' winning run.

The biggest shock of the day however was reserved for the benefit of Fred Dicke's Dodgers in the Sunday morning Senior League game. Behind the two-hit pitching of new hurler Vildibill, the US Navy wrecked the Pennant hopes of the Dodgers with a brilliant 6-0 shut-out triumph. The Navy faced David Mallig on the mound as regular hurler Vic Pedruzo was not available.

Both sides played cautiously in the first three innings with the result that neither side could make any headway and the scoreboard recorded a succession of zeroes until the Navy got going in the top of the fourth. In this inning the Navy opened the scoring when Pinkney worked Mallig for a free ticket to first and when Tifford banged out a double to left-field, the Dodgers' gardener "Gato" Remedios suddenly became all thumbs.

Even as Remedios was groping for the ball Pinkney stepped over the home plate for the Navy's first run of the game, Tifford coming to a stop at third. Lane's rasping single to

centre-field drove in Tifford for the second run and Lane scooted to the hot corner when in attempting to nab Lane at second base, catcher Azevedo's throw eluded the glove of shortstop Onofre Souza.

Then with one away and Bennett on second via a walk and a routine infield out, Lane elected to break for home, but a run-down play between bases saw the tag put on him by third-baseman Cypre Caidas and a golden opportunity to increase the lead was wasted. With Vildibill in rare pitching form the gobs held the opposition scoreless while they increased their lead to 5-0 in the top of the fifth inning.

### A Free Pass

In this frame, Dubose after a free pass and a stolen base scored on Gilmore's hit which went past shortstop Souza. Pinkney slammed out an identical hit which once again caught Souza on the wrong foot, and run number five was put up on the scoreboard when Souza threw wild to first after fielding Lane's grounder.

Lane stopping at second, Gauthier flied out to left-field to end the inning. Full of confidence, Vildibill kept puzzling the Dodgers with his tricky pitching and in the last three innings, from the bottom of the fifth to the end of the seventh, only nine Dodger batters faced Vildibill and went down in one-two-three order. The Navy added an insurance run through Bennett in the top of the sixth to put the game on ice for the sailors.

The form of the US Navy was a revelation after last week's poor showing against the Warriors and if the "Gurke" remains in town for the next few weeks and the gobs dish up the type of softball that made them such worthy winners over the Dodgers they will ring up many more victories.

For the US Navy Vildibill with his 2-hit pitching and Lane for his 2-in-4 batting effort were outstanding, but team-work played an important part in the Navy victory. For the Dodgers, Mallig tried very hard but the main reason for their defeat lay in their over-anxiety to swing indiscriminately at every pitch coming their way when a little patience might have paid dividends.

Readers are now advised that the game between the Association Officials and the Ladies' All Stars originally scheduled for New Year's Day has been cancelled. In closing, I take this opportunity of extending to all softballers and fans this column's good wishes for a very Happy New Year.

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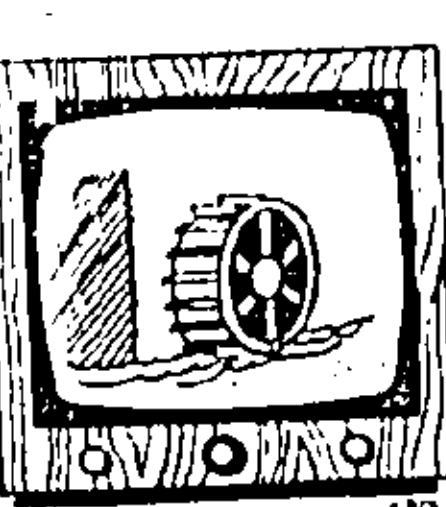
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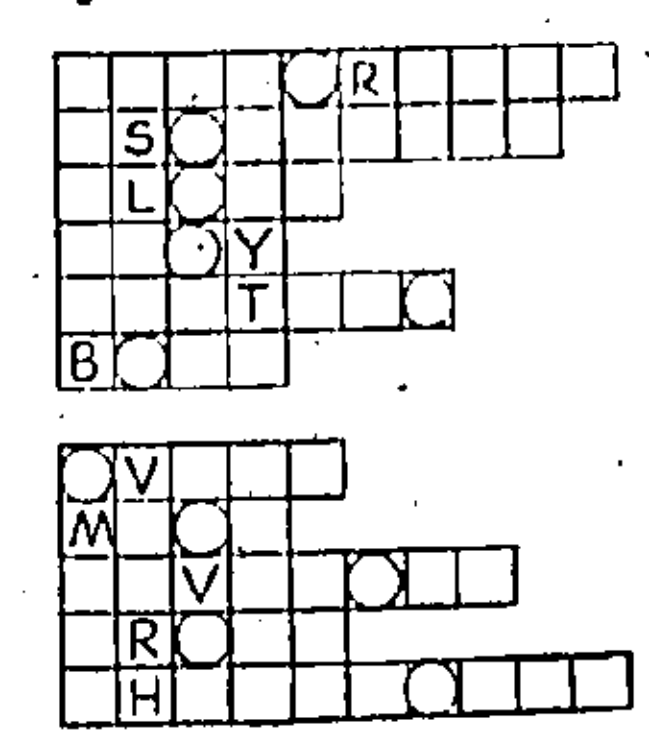
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## NAMESAKES

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- 1 Pieces of writing
- 2 Pen name
- 3 Candy this
- 4 Girl's name
- 5 Graphical art
- 6 Venerable man
- 7 Wicket keeper
- 8 Makes flour
- 9 Writer
- 10 Banbury this
- 11 People in books

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## BE SPECIFIC



## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

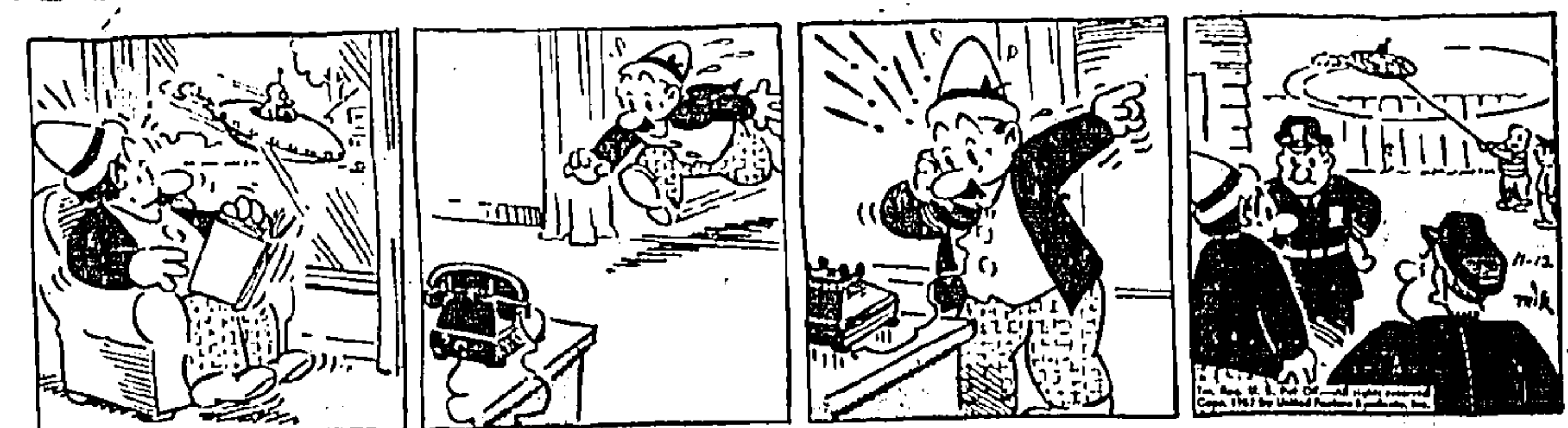


There's More Than Magic in FRY'S

CRYSTALISED GINGER COVERED IN FRY'S CHOCOLATE

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By Milt

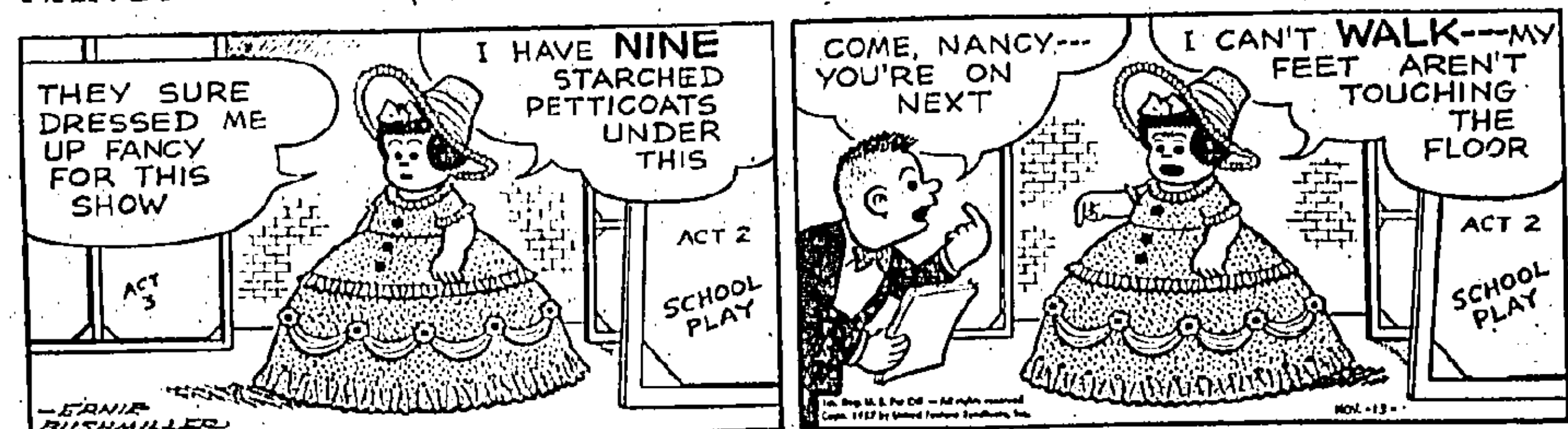


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MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1957.

## US BLAMED FOR LOSS OF PLANE ORDER

### Macmillan Urged To Approach Eisenhower

London, Dec. 30. A spate of press reports and editorials here today alleged that American diplomatic pressure compelled the West German Government to turn down an order for a British rocket-jet fighter.

## MANHUNT FOR BARBER

Charlotte, NC, Dec. 29. Federal, state and county officers maintained an alert today for a barber and his young friend wanted in connection with a double killing in a Washington nightclub. But the FBI here said there were no new leads in the search which centered in the area last night. Henry Clay Overton, 44, described as a diabetic who needs at least 15 units of insulin daily, and Wayne Carpenter, 22, apparently fled Washington after the shooting, in which a nightclub owner and a hitlilly musician were killed. Overton left Washington without his insulin supply or his hypodermic needle and the FBI has asked all druggists in the area to be alert for either of the men.—United Press.

## DOWNED PILOT RESCUED

Yokosuka, Dec. 29. The US Navy announced one of two Navy pilots, forced to ditch their planes at sea off the eastern coast of Japan, has been rescued. He was spotted about 200 miles southeast of the island of Shikoku by two Navy search crafts and the Navy destroyer USS Frank Knox. A Navy spokesman said that the pilot, whose name was not immediately available, "was cold and wet" but that his condition was "not critical."

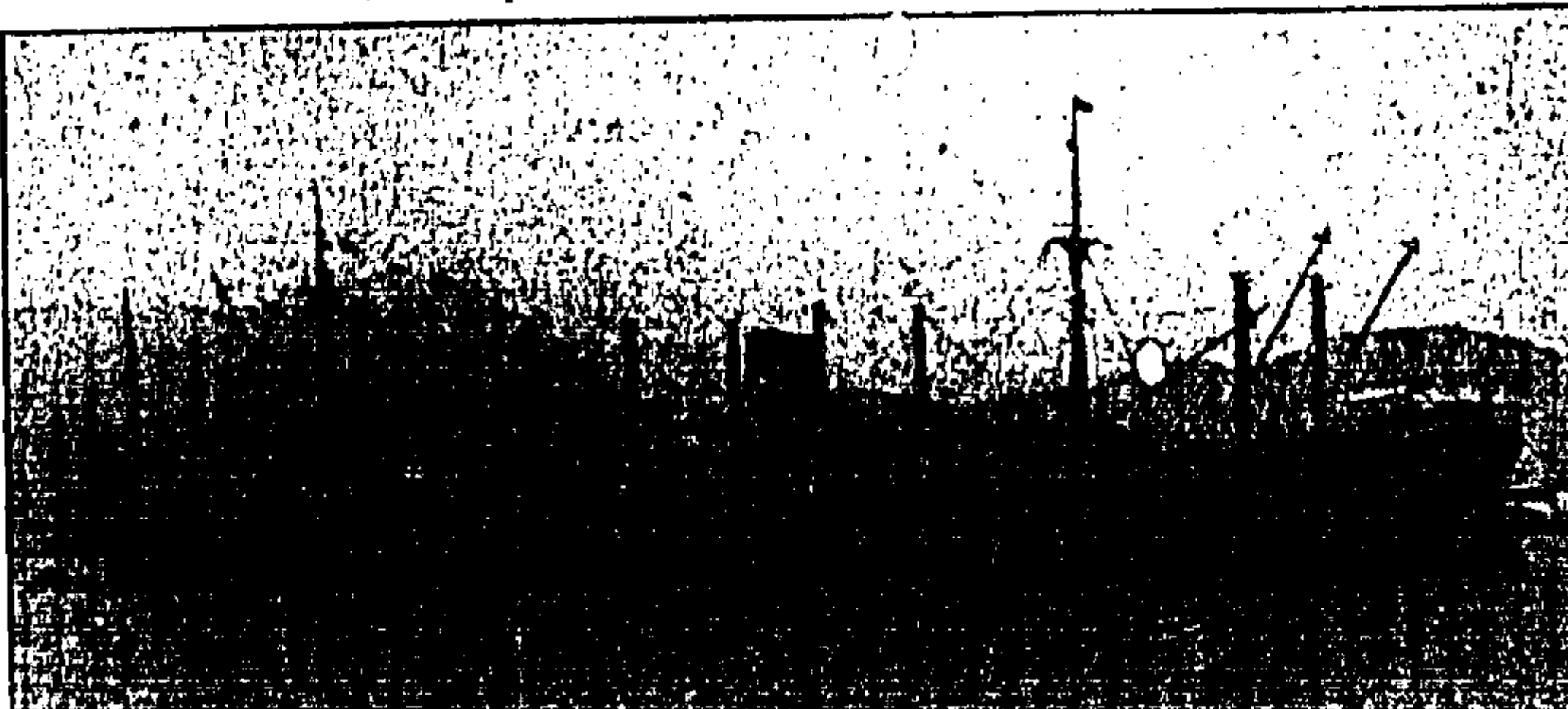
### CONTINUING

Meanwhile, the spokesman said, the search for the second pilot is being continued. The pilot, both in twin-jet "Banshee" fighters, left the US Naval Air Station at Atsugi, Japan, about 25 miles southwest of Tokyo, for the US aircraft carrier Kearsage. — United Press.

## Funfair Grenade

Paris, Dec. 29. Two Algerians tossed a grenade at a life stand at a fun fair tonight in Place De La Bastille in the east end of Paris, injuring six people. The assailants escaped. — Reuters.

## GOVERNOR'S SHIP IN HARBOUR



The ss Bougainville in which His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham will leave the Colony tomorrow at noon. Send-off arrangements are published below.—China Mail.

## Arrangements For Governor's Departure

The following traffic arrangements are announced by the Commissioner of Police for the departure of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham from Queen's Pier tomorrow morning.

The northern half of the Central Reclamation will be closed to general parking until about midday tomorrow. The pier are requested to reserve closed areas will be marked with "No Parking" signs and any cars found parked during the prohibited period will be removed without notification to their owners. Invited guests attending the departure ceremony at Queen's Pier via the usual traffic route until 10.40 a.m., after which time normal traffic flow will be stopped.

### SHORTAGE

In view of the extreme shortage of parking space in the Central Reclamation area, guests are advised that reserved parking has been kept to a minimum. When His Excellency leaves in ss Bougainville, he will be escorted by Marine, Revenue and Police launches from Al Buoy to North Point. At North Point, six Motor Launches of the Hongkong Flotilla, led by Lieutenant Commander W. J. McBrien, RN, will take over and escort the ship to Lyemun Pass. The six launches taking part are: ML 1323 (Lieutenant J. Roberts), ML 1326 (Lieutenant E. Llewellyn), ML 1328 (Lieutenant J. Leach), ML 3514 (Lieutenant N. Taplin), ML 3510 (Lieutenant M. Freeman) and ML 3513 (Lieutenant J. P. Bryant).

HMS Modeste (Commander P. B. Stuart, DSC, RN) will escort His Excellency from Lyemun to a position off Waglan Island.

## RIL SHIP STILL AGROUND

The 8,249-ton Tjibantjet the RIL vessel which was driven onto the rocks and holed by typhoon "Gloria" last September, is still aground.

An official of the RIL says that it will take another month to unload what remains of the several thousand tons of cargo and until that is completed, salvage workers will not be able to compile a true estimate of the damage caused to the ship. The Tjibantjet was in Junk Bay riding its anchor while "Gloria" was blowing last September. A strong gust of wind caused her to drag the anchor and the vessel was driven onto the rocks at the foot of Devil's Peak outside Lyemun Pass, on the night of September 22.

Cairo, Dec. 29. President Sukarno of Indonesia will arrive in Cairo on January 12 on a four-day state visit, an official announcement said here tonight.—Reuters.

## NAUTICAL MUSICAL SUCCESS BY HMS NEWCASTLE

By R. A. BONES

Last night I was privileged to be a guest at "The King of The Castle", a musical extravaganza by the Newcastle Strollers, written, produced and presented by some of the officers and men of HMS Newcastle as a Christmas entertainment for the rest of their shipmates.

When one considers that everyone connected with this show was drawn from a crew of about 800 men and women this was an astonishing and highly successful performance greatly enjoyed by all.

There was much in it from which our local societies could learn. There was a prompt start with all the audience in their places; would that this was more common in Hongkong! Then the whole show including hire of the China Fleet Club Hall for three nights, printing of programmes, scenery and costumes (which with the exception of two dresses were all designed and made on board) cost only about \$500.

There were no hitches, no missed cues, no long delays for scenery changes, everything was well-rehearsed and timed. Last and by no means least was the intense sense of being part of a team and not solo performers; no one tried to capture the limelight or to outdo the stage; undoubtedly this was one of the greatest contributing factors to the enormous success of the evening.

### Performers

Lieutenant Commander McCraig wrote the script, was one of the three joint producers and played three roles in the cast, much of the credit goes to him. The hero, A.B. Featherstone Cholmondeley, was played by Marine Sid Hawkes; the heroine, Rose Water, by B. James. The "dame", Great Aunt Fatima, by First Lieutenant Norman Turner; and the villain by Engineer Officer Graham Lalett. The rest of the cast would however like to name: "School" Ray Bruce who made a first class witch and minister in the final scene, and Marine Alan Goodbody who was a most convincing and attractive member of the Beverly Sisters and who caused several wolf-whistles.

### Music

The overture was a very clever arrangement of five well-known tunes which had us all guessing arranged by "Bandle" Jordan, Bandmaster of the Ad hoc Section of the Royal Marine Band, Fur East Station. This band also played in the intervals and accompanied some of the choruses. The rest of the music was arranged by Surgeon Lieutenant David Ritchie who also provided the majority of the accompaniments on the piano. Accompanying a show of this sort with amateur, untrained singers is a far from easy task. "Toothy" Ritchie produced an excellent, well-balanced and skilful accompaniment which was helpful to the singers but

## CS REPLIES TO DOCK EMPLOYEES

The following is the text of the reply of the Colonial Secretary to a letter addressed to His Excellency the Governor from the Hongkong Naval Dockyard Chinese Employees' Industrial Union about the closure of the Yard.

The reply was delivered to the Chairman of the Union this morning: "I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that he has read your letter of December 24, 1957, and its enclosure. His Excellency sympathizes with the understandable anxiety felt by Dockyard employees over the possible consequences to them of the closure of the Royal Naval Dockyard and has directed me to assure you that everything that can be done by the Hongkong Government in co-operation with the Royal Naval authorities will be done to obtain for those affected offers of other employment. It will mitigate the hardships which would arise if large numbers of employees were all forced to seek alternative employment at the same time and to give the longest possible period for adjustment that the date for the final closure of the Royal Naval Dockyard was deliberately deferred until November 30, 1959. The task of finding other employment is one which entails a considerable amount of detailed preparatory work before results are evident but a promising start has been made and in this connection I am to invite your attention to the enclosed interim report by the Chairman of the Employment Advisory Committee on the practical measures already taken."

## Three Suspects Detained

The Police have detained three men on suspicion of theft yesterday.

In the first case, a handbag was snatched from a Chinese woman at the Cheung Sha Wan Road Playground at about 9.40 a.m. In the second, a purse was stolen from a Chinese schoolgirl in Queen's Road Central, near Ladder Street, at about 1.30 p.m. The third case involved the theft of a fountain pen from a man at the Great World Theatre, Lai Chi Kok Road, shortly after 9 a.m.

## Theft From Parked Cars

A watch and some clothing were stolen from a private car parked outside Victoria Park on Saturday afternoon. Clothing and a driving mirror were stolen from another private car parked in Wellington Street, near Pottinger Street, between Saturday night and noon yesterday.

## Purse Snatched

A purse was snatched from a woman pedestrian while she was walking in Boundary Street, near Poplar Street, shortly before 7 p.m. yesterday.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Gladys certainly is a talker, isn't she, Mother? Say! You didn't do all those dishes by yourself!"

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## From the Files 25 years AGO

ADVERT: See the New Year in at the Hotel Cecil. Special carnival dinner dance from 6 pm to 1 am. Fancy or evening dress optional. \$4 per cover.

The first mails from Europe via the Siberian route, which was recently reopened for postal transit, arrived in Shanghai on Thursday.

THE Crown Agents for the Colonies announce the following appointments in connection with the Shing Mun Valley Waterworks Scheme, Hongkong:—Mr G. M. Binnie, Surveyor; Mr A. G. Hills, Mechanical Superintendent; Mr G. B. G. Hull, Resident Engineer.

The numerous friends of Lady Clara Ho Tung will be sorry to hear that she has been confined to bed, following an attack of malaria and subsequent complications. Latest reports however show that her condition is improved.

MR J. Fraser, of 13 Kent Road, Kowloon Tong, has reported to the Police that his terrier dog bit a delivery coolie of Britannia Aerated Water Co. The animal was taken to Ma Tau Kok for observation.

Suffering from internal injuries sustained when a safe fell on top of him, Li Choi, aged 55, of 189 Des Voeux Road Central, was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital on Friday. Together with other the man was carrying the safe down the stairs when he slipped.

POLICE stood by in readiness for trouble at local cabarets last night when reports came through that two soldiers had forced their way into the Silver Moon Dancing Academy and created a disturbance there. Half an hour after the first report, news came that the pair were at the Academy fighting in the passage way. When the police arrived they had disappeared. At the Academy they were refused admission.

Paris: The deputy, M. Henri Lillaz, has bought the town of Biarritz. The price has not been disclosed. It includes the casinos but M. Lillaz is not personally concerned with them.

AN amusing story is going the rounds of a newly arrived military officer whose kindly act on Christmas Eve did not meet with the appreciation it deserved. Clerk working at top speed in the Kowloon branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. The young officer came along to cash a cheque, but when he entered he saw a blind woman violinist groping about outside. He took her by the arm, gently led her into the office and left her where she might receive attention. A minute later the discordant notes of a Chinese violin rose high above the babble of voices. Business ceased and an infuriated manager rushed out. "Who brought this woman here?" he demanded. The officer slipped away quietly.

When the launch Kam Lung struck Buoy B21 in the harbour yesterday, she was badly holed on the starboard side. The master kept her afloat until she reached Jardine's Wharf and the crew were taken off.

It is notified for general information that His Excellency the Governor has given permission for fireworks, not being kindled, discharged or let off in a lawful manner within the Colony between 11.45 pm on December 31, 1957, and 12.15 am on January 1, 1958.

Peking: Considerable sensation has been created in educational circles by the dismissal of 22 students of the Normal University on grounds from Hongkong. It is alleged that the dismissed students were involved in Communist agitation.

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